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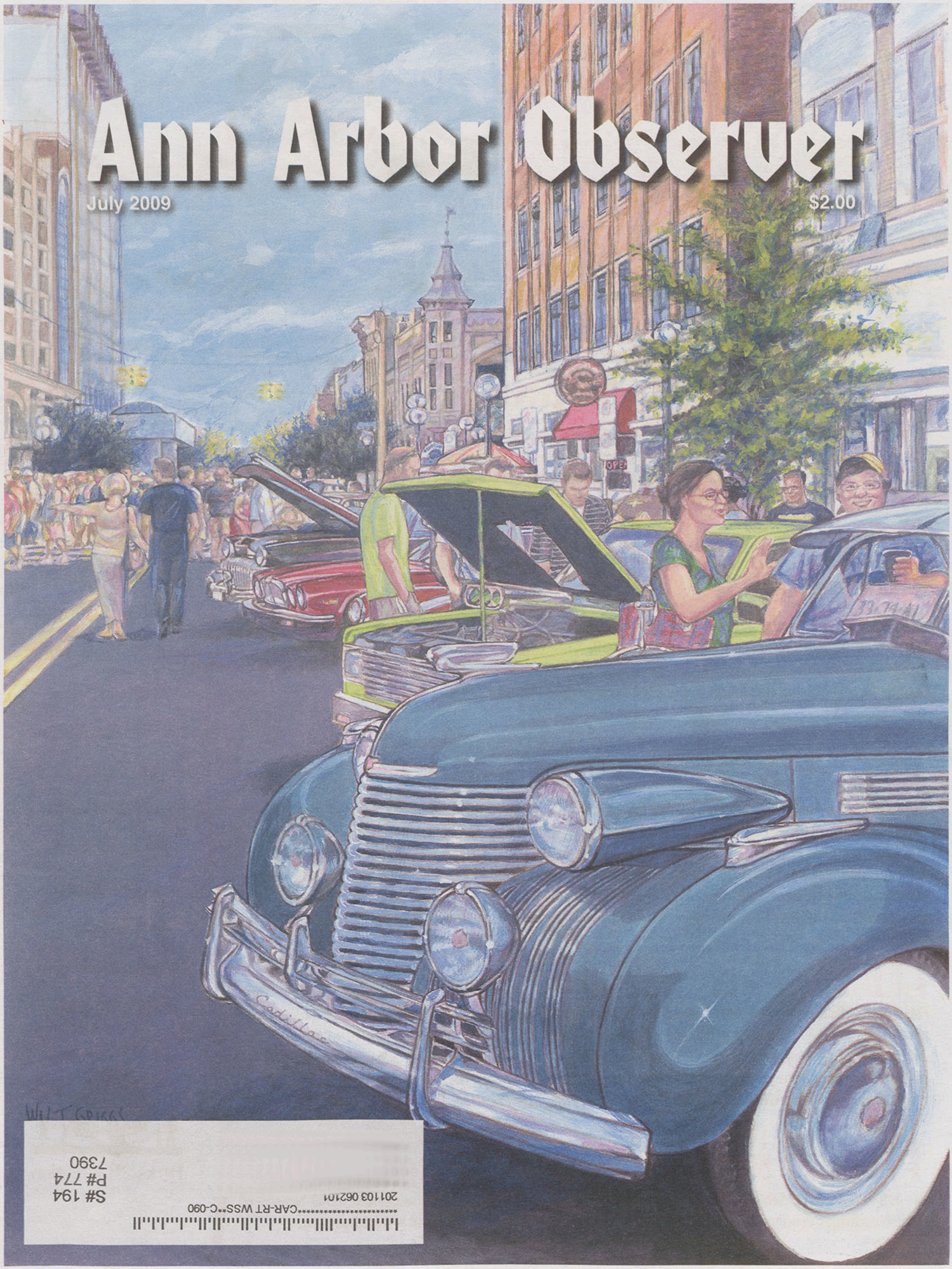

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fun on the RIVER

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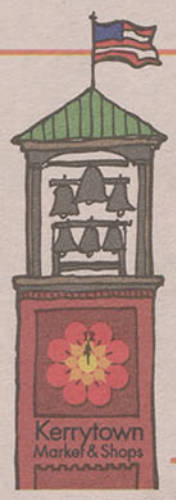

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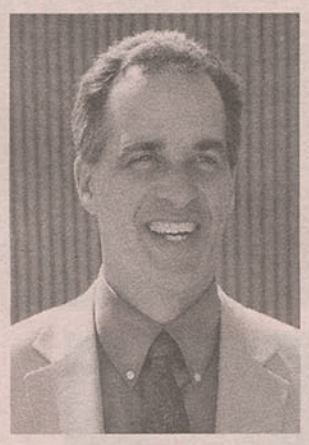

Emerson School is thrilled to announce that our Board of Trustees has chosen Jerry Loewen as our new Head of School, effective July 1, 2009.

Jerry has spent the last sixteen years as Middle School Director, teacher and coach at Kentucky Country Day School in Louisville, Kentucky. Prior to his time at KDC, Jerry spent six years as the Middle School Coordinator, while also teaching at the Derryfield School in New Hampshire.

Jerry has a B.A. in Geography from the University of California, Berkeley; a Klingenstein Fellowship from Teachers College, Columbia University, where he earned his M.A. in Educational Administration; and is a graduate of the NAIS Fellowship for Aspiring Heads.

In Jerry's letter to the Search Committee, he wrote: "The aspects of your school that jumped off the page for me were many. Your frequent emphasis on creativity and collaboration mirror both my administrative and teaching experience. Your stated objective to stretch students' minds speaks to the extra effort put in by your teachers and the extra challenge and fulfillment gained by your students. Your dedication to problem-based projects speaks to the real world, multi-disciplinary approach our students must possess… I was delighted to see the foundational emphasis you place on the arts at Emerson. Additionally, your statement claiming diversity as a 'conscious element of its institutional identity' is one of the most appealing and inspiring characteristics of Emerson I have discovered."

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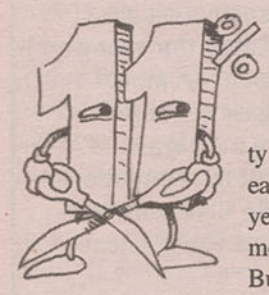
The 11 Percent Solution: Faced with a $26 million revenue shortfall over the next two years, the Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners voted in early June to cut its own $600,000 budget by 11 percent. But at first glance, even the new $534,000 figure for the county's eleven commissioners looks bloated: the city budgets just $350,000 for its eleven-member council (including the mayor's office).

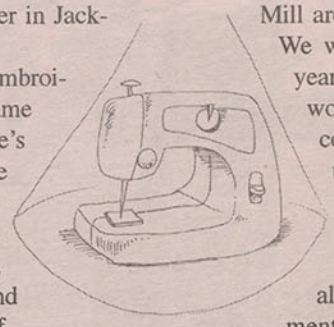
Look closer, though, and the gap looks more like a crevice. It turns out the county bills the commission $143,000 a year—$13,000 per commissioner—for office space, human resources, information technology, and other support services. The city accounts for those types of expenses in its general budget.



The officials' pay is almost identical—county commissioners earn $16,126 a year, city council members $15,914. But commissioners get some per-diem pay that council members don't. And—this is the real perk—commissioners also get an average of $5,832 annually in medical, dental, liability and other insurance. Council members get no insurance at all.

Hollywood Calling: Naomi Spivak runs Matan Embroidery out of her house, designing and embroidering monograms and logos on fabric with her fifteen-needle industrial machine. So when she got a call from a woman asking if she could embroider some names in a hurry, Spivak agreed. "Sometimes for that kind of short notice, I say it will cost extra," she says. "But I didn't have much work that week, so I didn't even say that."

She got the details only when "the woman came to my house and said, 'what I really need are little patches.' I said, 'Oh cool, what are they for?'" It turned out her customer, May McClurg, is a production assistant on *Stone*, Robert DeNiro's upcoming movie. In it, the veteran actor plays a corrections officer for a convicted arsonist (Ed Norton). Thanks to Michigan's generous tax credits, the film is being shot this summer in Jackson and Ypsilanti.



Spivak's role: embroidering about fifty name patches for the movie's "prison guards." The names she was given included Stamper, Guillen, Torres, Loveday, Polk, and Szewski—the last of which she recognized from the paperwork authorizing the sewing job. McClurg explained that production staffers sometimes suggest their own names for fictional characters.

Spivak also embroidered multiple copies of "Stone" and some of the other names for the actors' stunt doubles. But a few weeks after she completed the job, she was still kicking herself. "If I'd known who it was," she laughs, "I would have charged four times as much."

Trail of memory: Thanks to a nature-minded family, a new walking trail circles what was once a millpond north of Geddes Road. "Dad died a year ago," says Jeff Post, walking through the construction zone at Parker Mill County Park that will soon be christened the Helen and Norris Post Legacy Trail—a $420,000 memorial to his parents.

The Posts take pleasure in honoring their loved ones in ways that reflect their appreciation of nature. After Jeff's sister Julie was tragically killed by a drunk driver, the family helped revitalize a collection of Appalachian plants at Nichols Arboretum, because it reminded them of their parents' farm in North Carolina. And there's already another Post Trail at Parker Mill that honors Jeff's grandfather, Hoyt. It was paid for with a legacy from Hoyt's brother, John, the source of the family fortune: John founded North Carolina–based Athol Corporation, which makes coated textiles for the transportation industry.

After the Hoyt G. Post Trail was finished, "there was money left over," Jeff explains, "so my folks looked at several options. One idea was to link the Parker Mill area to Matthaei Botanical Gardens. We worked with the U for about two years but weren't able to complete a workable plan." Coy Vaughn, the county's superintendent of park planning, says some administrators "were concerned about people walking in from all directions."

But it all worked out eventually. "Washtenaw Parks and Rec mentioned that they held a piece of property on the north side of Geddes opposite Parker Mill," Jeff says. "My folks decided, upon seeing the area, that it was a perfect extension." (His mother now lives nearby, in Glacier Hills.) When it's completed this month, the new trail will include an interpretive pavilion and a footbridge that gracefully arches over Fleming Creek.

Rooster eviction: Signs by the front door of a home north of Washtenaw read, "The Rooster may crow but the hen delivers the goods" and "An Old Rooster and Young Chick live here."

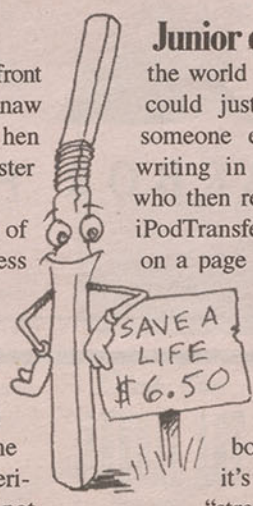
"Those are jokes," says the man of the house, who will remain nameless because he's on shaky legal ground. His neighbors weren't amused by the "cockle-doodle-dos" coming from the couple's back yard.

"The neighbors don't understand," explains the man, a U-M professor emeritus. "They think you're not respecting them, but you don't know you have [roosters] until they crow. The problem is, it's difficult to buy chickens by sex." He says his supplier has "a hundred different varieties, and only ten can you buy by sex."

Amid considerable publicity and hilarity, Ann Arbor approved backyard poultry farming back in June 2008. With neighbors' consent, Ann Arborites can now own up to four hens—but no roosters.

The retired prof understands why the roosters' crowing is not music to his neighbors' ears: "They just don't crow in the morning. They crow all day. We had one that crowed about a hundred times a day." To mollify the neighbors, the couple recently gave their roosters to Domino's Farms for its petting zoo. But that still leaves them with six chickens—two more than allowed. Along with a couple of elderly Wyandottes, he says, "we have two Golden Sebrights and two female Phoenix." Then he admits, "Well, one of the two is a rooster."

While the other roosters were around, the male Phoenix passed as a hen—but he started to crow after they left. The man says he still doesn't know which one is a rooster: "We have heard him crow, but we haven't seen him crow."



Junior consumers: "Wouldn't the world be a better place if you could just plug your iPod into someone else's?" asks a student writing in the *Tappan Tabloid*—who then recommends an "iPod to iPodTransfer Device." It's featured on a page that suggests new ways for kids to spend their parents' money. Other "deals" include mopeds ("cheap: $600 to $3000"); an Asus netbook computer ("at $270, it's a great buy"); and a "stress popper," a key chain that mimics bubble wrap—it has "eight buttons which you have to press hard enough until you hear a popping sound." And one girl offers a selfless suggestion: a LifeStraw, a portable water purifier. It's not that Tappan's drinking fountains are unsafe—the money goes to Rotary International, which purchases LifeStraws for Third World countries. The young writer explains the device can prevent diseases such as "cholera, salmonella...and saves lives." Cost: $6.50. ■

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Bankruptcy Boom

"I fear for my community and my state," says bankruptcy trustee Doug Ellmann.

Ellmann sees Michigan's raw economic wounds in Ann Arbor's federal bankruptcy court. "I'm definitely seeing a lot of low-income people," says Ellmann, who has adjudicated local bankruptcies since 1989. "And since the economy crashed in October, I've seen high-income folks, too, and a fair number of middle-class people."

Bankruptcy filings nosedived for a year after Congress tightened the rules in 2005, but since 2006 they've risen by almost two-thirds. Ellmann and fellow trustee Tim Miller handled 41,247 bankruptcies last year in Washtenaw, Jackson, Lenawee, and Monroe counties, and the numbers continue to climb.

"Some people don't file at all because they have nothing to protect," Ellmann adds. "If you don't own much, or if you don't have money to file, you might just walk away, particularly with house foreclosures." The suffering is worst, he adds, in "communities outside Ann Arbor where there's a steep income falloff. Some of those areas have been absolutely devastated.

"A fair amount of people who used to be in the auto industry and took a buyout [to leave their jobs] now can't find gainful employment," continues Ellmann. "Plus the housing bubble caused a lot of problems. People kept getting multiple mortgages on their homes, using them as a place to catch up on their bills. And with a reduction of hours or a medical problem, it doesn't take much to fall way, way behind very quickly."

Even bankruptcy may not be a way out for some folks. "Now you see people getting a discharge, but they don't have a way to make life better," says Ellmann. "Where are you going to get a job? Where are you going to live? Bankruptcy affords relief, but where do you go from there when there's nowhere to go?

"What has been in the offing for a long time has now come to fruition, and we're seeing some of society crumbling around us."

Basil Simon, bankruptcy trustee for Wayne, Oakland, and Macomb counties, wholeheartedly agrees. "It's a bad situation all around, and I haven't seen any sign that it's bottomed out," he says. "And now, with Chrysler and GM [in bankruptcy], I don't see the light at the end of the tunnel."

"It's really depressing," Simon adds. "And it's not just blue collar now; it's professional. I'm used to seeing women cry, but now I've seen men cry—engineers, lawyers, men who thought they'd always have a job."

MARK BIALEK

Doug Ellmann saw bankruptcies rise two-thirds from 2006 to 2008.

Dot-com Competition

As AnnArbor.com races toward its July 20 launch, print and online rivals are stepping up.

Heritage Newspapers, which publishes the *Saline Reporter*, the *Chelsea Standard*, and other area papers, will debut its weekly *A² Journal* on July 9. Heritage, whose parent company is in bankruptcy reorganization, isn't saying much about the *Journal* but promises a free home-delivered circulation of 20,000. Editor Michelle Rogers also oversees seven weeklies in Washtenaw and Wayne counties.

Online, AnnArbor.com, the successor to the *Ann Arbor News*, will compete for ads and news with an expanded Ann Arbor Chronicle, launched last year by former *News* opinion editor Mary Morgan. Though she and her husband, Dave Askins, remain the Chronicle's only staff, they have begun to employ freelance writers and commission-only salespeople, and Morgan says they hope to soon begin covering high school sports.

MARK BIALEK

Tony Dearing is looking to hire up to thirty-five "digital journalists" at AnnArbor.com.

AnnArbor.com's staff will be tiny compared to the *News*, but next to the Chronicle and other online competitors, it's a giant. Tony Dearing, the chief content officer, says he's hiring between thirty-one and thirty-five full-time and part-time "digital journalists." There will also be some local "experts," including former Shaman Drum owner Karl Pohrt (see Marketplace Changes).

Dearing says he expects to produce at least four "major investigations or [research] project reports" a year. News director Amalie Nash, a respected *News* veteran, is already working on early enterprise stories to set "a tone that this is a serious journalism site," says Nash. "You need to start out strong."

One big challenge will be balancing the divergent demands of a 24/7 website with those of a traditional printed newspaper. While research shows people "don't want to read more than 100 words online," says Nash. AnnArbor.com will publish Thursday and Sunday print editions that will have longer features, profiles, and more standard newspaper stories.

The Thursday paper will bring back the Spotlight entertainment tabloid, along with food and home features, prep sports, and previews of weekend games, as well as more "look-ahead" stories on events and issues, says Dearing.

The Sunday paper, also to be called *AnnArbor.com*, will have a section devoted to local news, opinion, and editorials. The second section may be national and international news, Dearing says, and there will be a robust sports section, too, plus entertainment, travel coverage, and "one or two general interest columns."

Laurel Champion, outgoing *News* publisher and executive vice president of the new company, says print subscriptions will cost $9 a month, a bit less than the *News's* current Sunday price. (*AnnArbor.com* subscribers can opt for Sunday only, but there's no discount—so the Thursday paper is essentially free.) Those who currently get the *News* delivered will have their subscriptions transferred to *AnnArbor.com* unless they opt out. Dearing says *AnnArbor.com* hopes to match the *News's* Sunday circulation—54,000 as of March 31, according to the Audit Bureau of Circulations, with about half of that home-delivered in and around Ann Arbor.

While the *News* tried to be a regional paper, covering all of Washtenaw County and beyond, Nash says AnnArbor.com "will be kind of hyper-local, pretty Ann Arbor–centric." Her reporters will cover police and crime, city hall, the Ann Arbor Public Schools, and U-M, but are likely to skip most Saline and Ypsilanti stories or use freelancers for them.

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produced mainly by freelance writers, and readers or nonprofit organizations will be asked to "contribute news or calendar items," says Nash. They also hope to strike partnership arrangements with the Chronicle and other media outlets to share their online stories via an RSS feed.

There may be more such deals in the future. "It's going to be wild and chaotic for a while," the Chronicle's Morgan says. She expects to see "more choices" for news and information as other former News staffers start up their own sites.

While web publications are easy to launch, Tom Gantert, a *News* writer, thinks that the upstarts may have trouble holding out against the deep pockets of the Newhouse family, which owns the *News* and AnnArbor.com. Gantert believes nonprofit journalistic enterprises such as the Michigan Messenger may be one future possibility.

Gantert himself is pursuing investors for a conservative political online outlet. "There's a ton of interest," he says. "But I need to have someone write the check."

Nicola Buys Borders

"They have improved their chances no end by putting him in charge," says Nicola Rooney.

Rooney is the owner of Nicola's Books in Westgate Shopping Center. Surprisingly, the person she's praising is the new CEO of Borders Inc., Ron Marshall.

Book superstores are often thought of as the enemy of independent booksellers, but Rooney doesn't wish her mega-competitor ill. When many investors soured on the Ann Arbor–based company after its stock collapsed, Rooney saw an opportunity. She bought Borders shares last November, when the price fell from around $3 to 65¢ a share.

Rooney won't say how much stock she owns, but she was one of only a handful of stockholders who showed up for the company's annual meeting in Ypsilanti in May. She says that Marshall, a turnaround and cost-cutting specialist hired in January, is making lots of "sensible decisions," and she appreciated his honesty in acknowledging that Borders officials had "lost their way." In recent years, books were pushed into the background as the stores added everything from action figures and board games to lollipops and yoga mats.

Rooney agrees with Marshall that Borders needs to return to its roots, but says it won't be easy—not just because of the tough economic climate, but also because Marshall will need to "change the behavior of every single person in the company" to reemphasize bookselling. She notes that sales at Barnes & Noble stores have held up better than Borders, and praises B&N's top managers as "book people through and through."

With the broader market recovery, Borders stock was up to $3.35 in mid-June. But Rooney is in no rush to cash out. She bought the shares, she says, "because they'll be good for my retirement fund."

Defusing Mental Health Emergencies

CCRT aims to keep its clients out of the hospital—or jail.

It's a weekend night, and Ann Arbor police respond to a call about an agitated man expressing homicidal thoughts. When they get to the scene, though, they realize he's doing nothing illegal—he's made no specific threats against another person. Yet he's obviously deeply troubled.

A few months ago, their only choices would have been to leave him in that condition or take him to the U-M Hospitals psychiatric emergency room. Instead, they call for backup—not from the AAPD, but from the county's new Community Crisis Response Team. CCRT immediately dispatches a social worker to the scene.

The county has long reached out to support mentally ill clients in the community. CCRT, which became fully operational in March, takes that to a new level by providing 24/7 emergency response. Its mission: to intervene in crisis situ-

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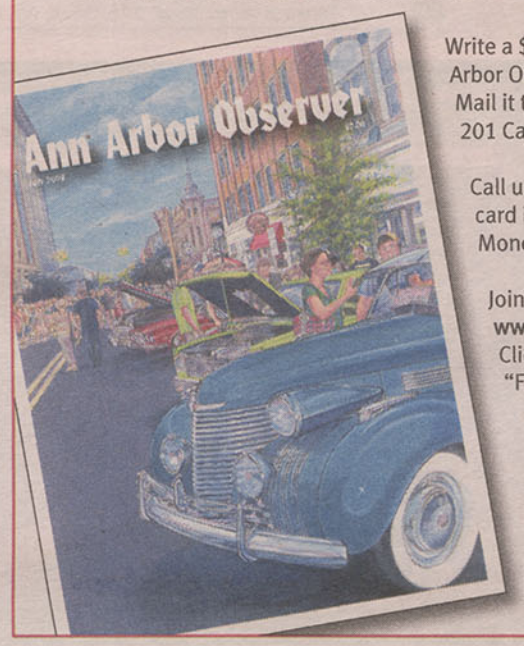

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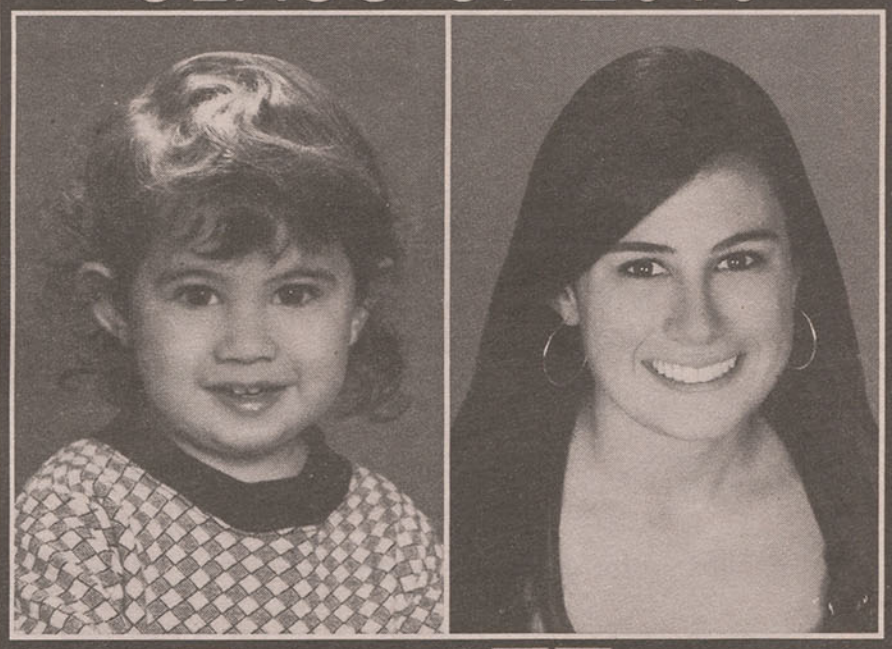

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Instead, the social worker makes an assessment and dispenses medication on the spot. (CCRT's social workers and psychologists have been trained to dispense medication; psychiatrists are always on call.) Through ten in-home visits over ten days, CCRT then initiates a series of "warm handoffs," taking the man to meet with care providers who help him secure new housing, treatment for his addiction, and psychiatric help.

CCRT was formed after a study found that Washtenaw County was spending 8 to 9 percent of its health budget on inpatient hospitalization, compared to 4 to 7 percent for its regional peers. The Washtenaw County Health Organization funds its $1.8 million budget as an antidote to expensive hospitalizations. Most clients are referred by the police, hospitals, or shelters.

The mobile response team includes both professionals and "peer supports"—people who are successfully managing their own mental illness or substance abuse issues. That experience can help them defuse volatile situations before they end in emotionally disastrous and socially expensive situations.

"Some people have to be in the hospital—we're not just trying to save money," stresses program administrator Jon Voelkner. "The goal is to gently intervene before it gets to an extreme state."

Voelkner points out that clients as well as the county benefit when CCRT can spare them an arrest or a trip to the psych ER. "It is much less traumatic for the individuals and families," he points out, "if they're not dealing with handcuffs or being strapped down to a board."

Rabbit Rescue

"Most people in our country would agree that you don't go to a shelter and eat cats and dogs."

That's how Amie Brockman, an animal caretaker at the Great Lakes Rabbit Sanctuary, reacts when asked about a letter to the editor in the *Ann Arbor News*. Instead of caring for abandoned pet rabbits, the writer suggested, why not cook them and feed them to the homeless?

That person may have been channeling Jonathan Swift, but other writers were equally disdainful. One suggested euthanizing sick animals instead of paying for veterinary treatment, while another described the sanctuary's mission as "pointless."

MARK BIALEK

Great Lakes Rabbit Sanctuary board chair Tim Patino faces a $100,000 deficit.

But since Michigan's devastating economic crash, GLRS has been beset by trouble on all sides. Rabbits are the third-most popular house pets after cats and dogs. Home foreclosures have forced people to surrender bunnies, so rescues have increased. Although the PETCO Foundation has a program to help subsidize surrendered pets, it has financial troubles of its own and can't provide the same level of support it has in the past. At the same time, prices for food, medicine, and bedding have escalated—leaving the sanctuary facing a $100,000 deficit.

Brockman acknowledges that people eat wild rabbits but firmly maintains that these bunnies are different: "These are not cottontails. They are not wild animals. They're not a food source. They're pets." GLRS board chair Tim Patino points out that the average domesticated rabbit released into the wild survives about two weeks.

GLRS is a no-kill shelter that takes in pet rabbits abandoned or surrendered by families that can no longer care for them. It's been around in various forms since 1995 but first hopped onto the national stage three years ago, when the Utah-based Best Friends Animal Society rescued 800 rabbits from a Reno, Nevada, property.

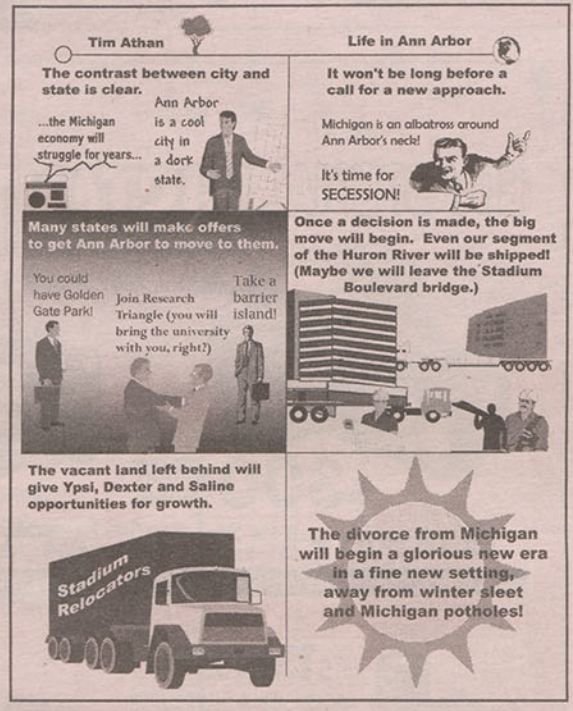
"If we're struggling to survive as a small organization, let's become the biggest," Patino remembers thinking. GLRS agreed to take 200 of the bunnies—but 500 were sent. Today, about 500 rabbits are running free on its five-acre site south of Ypsilanti, making GLRS what Patino wanted it to be: the largest rabbit sanctuary in the country.

Patino, who is also general manager of Quarter Bistro and operations manager for the Original Cottage Inn, hoped that increased size would lure donors, sponsors, and grant money. Initially, it did just that. With help from the Utah group, grants from the PETCO Foundation and other agencies, and a mailing list of 4,000, the sanctuary's operating budget swelled from $73,000 to $300,000.

Despite the shortfall, GLRS continues to hold work projects with students and the public and hosts regular tours. Meanwhile, it is sending out more fundraising appeals, crafting new promotional campaigns, and taking donations online (www.rabbitsanctuary.org).

Patino tries not to think about closing the sanctuary. "If I had to close out, I don't know what I would do," he says sadly. "I would place the rabbits throughout the country. I cannot walk away."

With just enough funds to operate through August, Patino lives with a peculiar mix of fear and excitement. "It's a lot of money" to raise, he says. "But considering how far we've come, I believe we can do it."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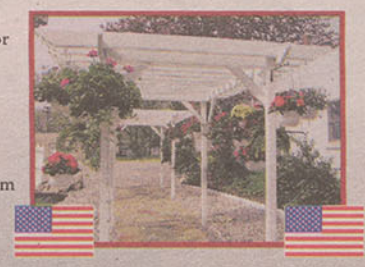

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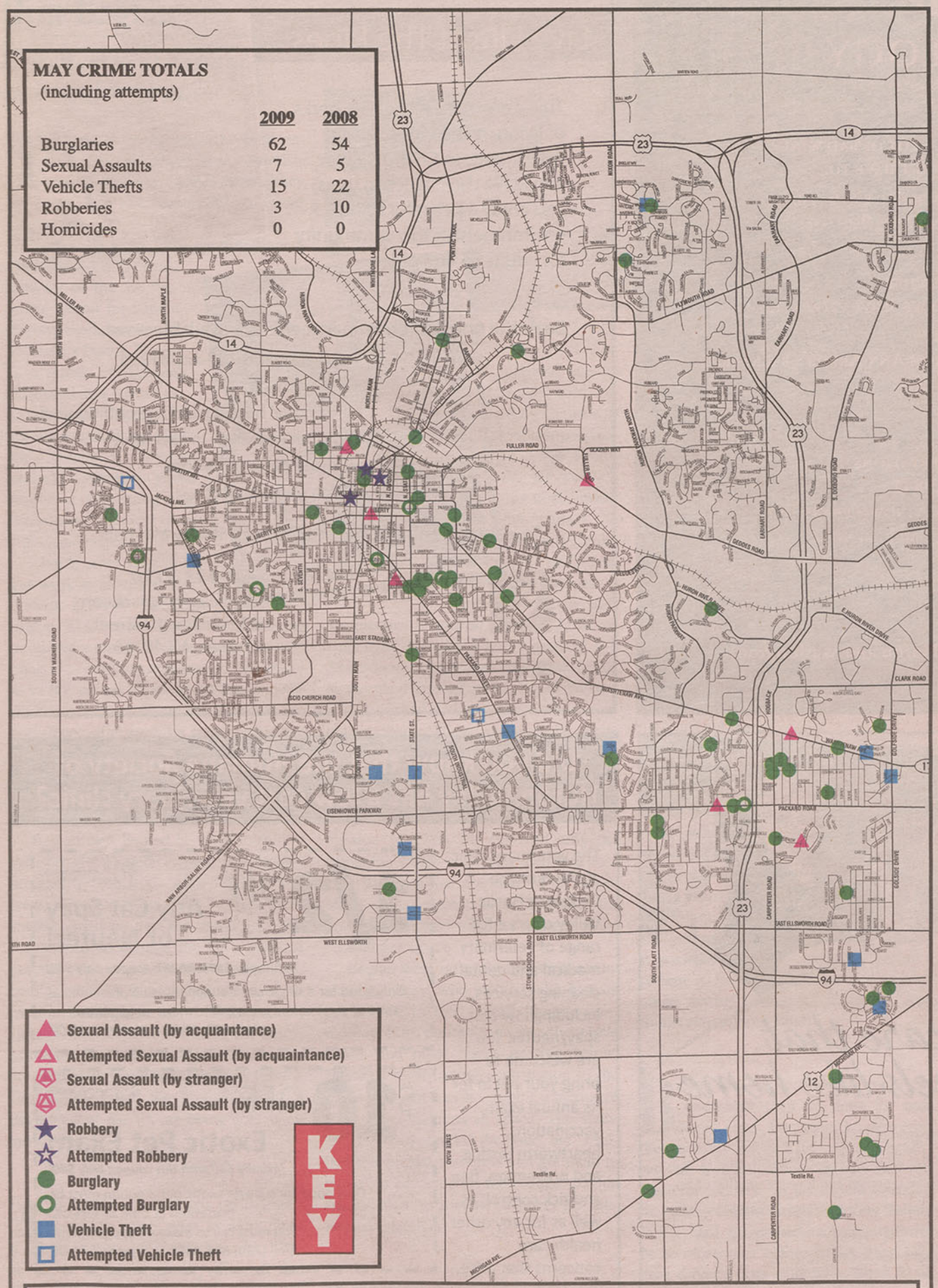

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Jim Bagian

Physician, astronaut, medical reformer

J. ADRIAN WYLIE

As an astronuat, Bagian twice flew on the space shuttle. As head of the VA's National Center for Patient Safety, he's made the VA system a global leader in preventing medical errors.

The next time you are a hospital patient, don't be afraid to ask your visitors to wash their hands before they sit down. And your nurse. Yes, and your doctor, too.

That's the word from Dr. Jim Bagian (pronounced BAY-zhin), director of the VA National Center for Patient Safety, headquartered at Domino's Farms. Bagian is a streak of lightning disguised as a bureaucrat. In the past decade, the former astronaut has made the country's veterans hospital system a global leader in preventing life-threatening medical oversights and errors.

COURTESY JIM BAGIAN

Shortly after Bagian began work as the center's first director in 1999, the Washington, D.C.–based Institute of Medicine published a report on patient safety in hospitals. Its shocking conclusion: "As many as 98,000 people die each year due to medical errors." The estimate was based on the prevalence of everything from inadequate hand washing (which can spread serious, even life-threatening, infection) to rare instances of surgical procedures being performed on the wrong patient.

Bagian says he and his staff looked at the changes in medical protocols recommended by the study—but realized "we were already doing them." They have since pressed far past the report's recommendations to change the VA's medical practice and culture. Under Bagian's leadership, "the VA is probably ahead of almost all hospitals in the world [in patient] safety," says Dr. Drew Gaffney, a fellow astronaut who now oversees patient safety at Vanderbilt University Medical Center. Gaffney says that the protocols Bagian developed at the VA are being copied internationally.

A motorcycle helmet sits on Bagian's desk—he often rides to work from his home in Northville. At fifty-seven, he is trim, casually dressed, and blunt. He rolls his eyes at recent medical jargon like "patient-centered." "What other 'centered' would it be?" he demands. "Income centered? Ego centered?"

Though he finished first in his class at Drexel University in Philadelphia, Bagian scoffs at academic pretensions. His father, a hero World War II fighter pilot, was a pipe fitter in civilian life; his mother was a secretary. Yet his parents are "as sharp as they come," he says. "My father always says respect is earned. If you're not hard-working, you don't deserve respect."

Bagian says he dreamed about being an astronaut as a kid, but concluded at age twelve that his goal was unrealistic. Instead he earned an engineering degree at Drexel, then stayed in the Philadelphia area for medical school at Thomas Jefferson University. He was a senior medical student when, during a hospital work break, he thumbed through an Air Force Reserve magazine and saw a NASA ad recruiting astronauts. He wrote down the phone number on his scrubs, applied—and was shocked to be accepted.

After training in Texas, he was originally assigned to the doomed Challenger mission in 1986. He survived only because the entire crew was switched to a later flight. In the aftermath of the disaster, Bagian, a trained diver, helped in the grisly task of retrieving the remains of the Challenger's crew.

Bagian went on to fly two shuttle missions. Gaffney, who worked with him on the second, in 1991, recalls Bagian summoning him excitedly to see the Great Lakes and other sights passing below. Bagian's most lasting contribution to the space program was developing a treatment for motion sickness in space. The space program had avoided the issue, but "I rallied the doctors and crew and got them to agree" to advocate for the change, Bagian recalls. Now, astronauts routinely get anti-nausea injections.

Making headway on patient safety was tough at the start. Initially, Bagian recalls, some VA administrators and senior physicians assumed "it's not my problem." The biggest challenge, he says, was ending a "blame game" mentality that made staff reluctant to discuss problems. "If the first question the supervisor asks is, 'Whose fault is it?,' then you're in a bad place," he says. "The question is…what do we do to prevent it from happening again?"

At first, only two out of twenty-two VA networks (there are six to ten hospitals per network) signed on to Bagian's reforms. That quickly changed once the center's work began to show results.

The VA became the largest U.S. hospital system to switch completely to electronic record keeping, reducing errors caused by handwritten charts and prescriptions. Other changes included putting disinfectant dispensers on the walls of patients' rooms and creating computerized "tool kits" that include things like printable checklists and signs to help reduce patient falls. One problematic drug, the topical anesthetic benzocaine, was removed from the entire VA system. "It wasn't like asking a physician, 'Please don't use it,'" Bagian recalls. "It's just not there!"

Judging the results of preventive measures is tricky, but Bagian points to some markers. One study found that the number of patient falls in the VA system had been reduced by 31 percent. Another showed that the incidence of hand washing in patient rooms had almost doubled. What pleases Bagian most, though, is the psychological change. For instance, VA staffers now report "close calls," making it possible to identify problems before a patient is harmed. "They're not worried about getting punished," he says. "And things actually get fixed!"

Bagian has no more respect for social pretensions than he does for academic ones. For years he drove either motorcycles or $700 junkers, believing that spending money on new cars was wasteful. Finally, on his fiftieth birthday, he guiltily bought himself a sporty Subaru WRX. Still, he insisted his four kids learn basic mechanics before he let them take their driver's tests. (His wife, Tandi, is an engineer.)

He's still in the Air Force Reserve, and as a flight surgeon he helped rescue victims during Hurricane Andrew. Yet these days most of his flying is for rounds of meetings and conferences. Doesn't such an action-oriented guy get impatient with endless talk fests? His striking blue eyes narrow at the question.

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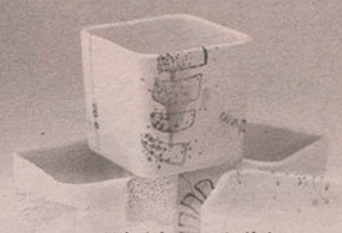

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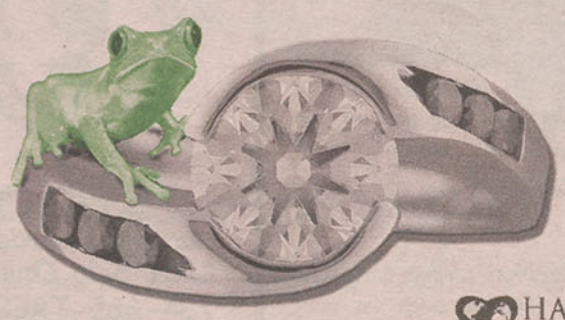

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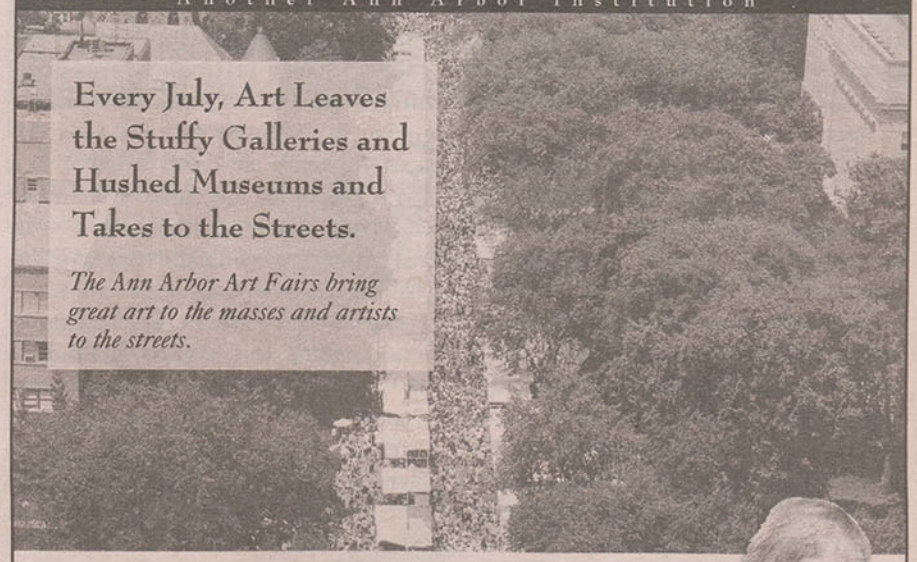

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fifty years of the art fairs

From Sixties euphoria to Aughts angst

by Peggy Page

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J. ADRIAN WYLIE

The first art fair in 1960 attracted just 132 artists. Last year, the four official fairs drew more than 1,300. But longtime fair watchers say they've seen fewer shoppers in recent years. Last year, AATA shuttle ridership was less than half of its mid-1990s peak.

Scott Berry began going to the art fairs in the 1970s, when he was in elementary school. He and his sister collected bottles while their father, John, sold jewelry from his booth on East University Avenue.

"Back then you could wander around as a kid," says Berry, now forty. "You could make $20 to $30 in bottle returns, which was pretty huge when you are ten." When he turned twenty-one, he became a partner in his father's jewelry business, and now he is vice-chair of the board of directors of the Guild of Artists and Artisans, whose Ann Arbor Summer Art Fair is the largest of the four fairs that this year run July 15–18.

At art fairs in Florida earlier this season, Berry says, he got lots of questions about the Michigan economy. But "my biggest concern is not the economy," Berry says. "It is the media coverage of the economy, the fear factor it generates. You don't just hear about GM going down. It's always, 'Who is next?'

"Yes, unemployment is more than ten percent in Michigan, but you never hear about the other ninety percent. Things are looking pretty positive in the Midwest from the fairs I've been to. The shows in Ann Arbor have a really good reputation, a lot of momentum, an established client base, and a really good model. The serious people will come out. And the art fairs are an economic stimulator for Ann Arbor and the state."

According to the 2009 edition of *Greg Lawler's Art Fair Source Book*, artists who responded to his survey of all four fairs reported 2008 average gross sales ranging from $5,650 at the Ann Arbor Street Art Fair, the Original, to $6,092 for the Guild's fair. If those figures are typical, they added up to more than $7 million in sales for last year's roughly 1,300 artists and more than $420,000 in Michigan sales tax. And that is just the art. Visitors also buy food, rent hotel rooms, shop, and park.

The Guild, Berry said, "has always been financially conservative." Originally the Michigan Guild of Artists and Artisans, it decided to diversify geographically, and now runs fairs in greater Toledo and Cleveland as well as Ann Arbor. It owns its building on North Fourth Avenue. At first it had a gallery for member shows on the first floor and offices on the second floor. "But the gallery wasn't generating cash, so we moved the offices to the first floor and rented the second floor," says Berry. The move "was huge," he adds. And the group changed its membership policy to make it easier to plan for replacing retiring original members with new blood.

As a result, the Guild's Summer Art Fair is fiscally sound. So are the two fairs sponsored by downtown merchant associations—Ann Arbor's South University Area Art Fair and the State Street Area Art fair. That's not the case, however, for the Original fair, which is facing a $65,000 budget shortfall. The fair blames a drop in corporate sponsorship and U-M campus construction that will reduce its available space this year, resulting in less rent from artists.

"This is not the year we expected it to be," says Shary Brown, executive director of the Original fair. Brown, a third-generation townie who formerly headed the Guild's fair, is sixty and plans to retire in September. But she's not going out on the high note she had hoped for.

Instead of celebrating a big anniversary and the 2008 MacArthur genius grant won by basket maker Mary Jackson, a longtime exhibitor, Brown knew by late last fall that her fair would have to scale back its 2009 show. This spring, the fair announced its deficit in its email newsletter and made a call for donations. In June the fair announced the shortfall on its website. It's even had to eliminate the tent celebrating its fiftieth year from the fair site to squeeze in more artist booths, and for the first time it's putting out donation jars.

One art fair insider suggests the Original fair's campus location may be part of the problem, because "the site is sterile—it doesn't have the ambience of the city like the other three fairs do. The success of the fairs is complex: a mix of the artists, the businesses, and the city itself. If you isolate yourself, you have to create an ambience instead of having one naturally."

Since most people find the four fairs a big blur, bad news about one is likely to be perceived as bad news about all. That's what happened as the story of the Original fair's problems rippled outward to Detroit newspapers and television. Word got out that the "Ann Arbor art fairs" were in economic trouble—a rumor that the other fair organizers want to squelch. "There are four of us," emphasizes Maggie Ladd, director of the South University Area Association, "and only one of us is in trouble."

Tom Heywood, executive director of the State Street Area Association, says his fair is on track to raise $30,000 in sponsorships, matching last year's total. By mid-June, all of its 315 artists had paid their booth rentals. Still, Heywood says, the economy is a concern.

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fifty years of the art fairs

"Everybody is afraid—the artists and the small business owners," he says. "But in hard times people go to free events like art fairs. The question is, will they spend or not? I think things in the lower range will sell—but I don't know about things going for $20,000."

"What's an art fair?"

Gil Dorer of Chelsea is business manager for his wife, Jan Dorer, a painter who is retiring after forty-nine years on the art fair circuit. She has exhibited in all four Ann Arbor fairs, beginning with the second year of the original fair on South University in 1961. "Her booth rental was $6," says Gil, and they still have the receipt to prove it.

Back then, it was "just charming," said Gil, and it got more outrageous when hippie culture arrived. "There were Jesus freaks, a man who carried a python, the Hare Krishna marching through."

In those days, beer flowed freely and openly, and weed scented the air. At its peak, Gil Dorer says, "It was so damn crowded, you couldn't get through it.

"Now it's like a [George W.] Bush rally, all controlled," he laments.

Before the first fair in July 1960, summer was a sleepy time for local retailers. The late Bruce Henry, co-owner of the old gift store Artisans, had heard of art fairs in Chicago, New York, and San Francisco. He thought starting one would give merchants on South University a competitive advantage over other downtown storekeepers during Bargain Days, a citywide promotion.

Artist RoseAnna Tendler Worth, who then worked in enamels, was new to town. For a story on the fair's 25th anniversary, she told a reporter that when a friend asked her if she was going to participate in the art fair, she asked, "What's an art fair?" When the idea was presented to the Ann Arbor Art Association, the late Jean-Paul Slusser, a distinguished U-M art prof, declared that "No good artist would sit in the street to sell art."

Still, 132 artists showed up for that first fair, hanging their drawings and paintings with clothespins from wire strung between parking meters. Pottery sat on the street. The fair proved so popular that by 1964 it had grown to 380 artists, necessitating the first jurying for quality control.

Cynthia Shevel, seventy-four, first arrived in Ann Arbor during the 1963 fair. "I was trying to rent an apartment," she remembers, "and I had to drive fifteen miles outside of Ann Arbor to find a place to stay while I looked." She opened her store Middle Earth on State Street in 1967 and remembers pushing a cart "of fun stuff like toys" over to the South U fair to get some of the retail action.

The following year, the State Street Area Association started its fair. In 1971, an anti-establishment "Free Fair" sprung up around the Diag. It later became the

Guild's fair on State, Liberty, and Main streets.

Scott Berry's father, John, now sixty-four, was in the early Guild fairs on East University. He remembers two artists who had a double-decker booth and slept on the top level at night. "We'd have ten people staying at my house, and tents pitched in the backyard. It was a burn-the-candle social event. Liquor laws were laxer then. After the fair ended each night, the 'Antler Bar' opened at the booth of Jan Kaulins." (Back then, Kaulins made all his artwork out of antlers. Now he is a photographer and exhibits in the Guild fair on State Street.)

Marsha Chamberlin, CEO of the Ann Arbor Art Center, exhibited pottery in the Free Fair on East University in the early 1970s. One year it was so hot she got heatstroke and had to leave. An artist in the booth beside her "drank about twelve beers and smoked dope all day. I couldn't believe that he stayed awake and was alert enough to sell."

Ron Suarez, a software entrepreneur and former city councilman, was a graduate student in the 1970s and went to the fairs with large groups of friends. Back then, Suarez was a Deadhead. He and his friends made bootleg copies of Grateful Dead concerts for $1 and sold them for $3. "The night before the fairs started, there would be impromptu drummers and people gathering around the Diag," Suarez says. "Dr. Arwulf Arwulf of WCBN would lead parades through the fairs. He was responsible for the slogan, 'It's not art, and it's not fair.'"

To most eyes, though, the fairs just got better and better. High demand for a limited number of booths enabled the juries to pick and choose. As the art fairs matured, "the quality and price point improved," says John Berry, who has an MBA in marketing and worked at Ford before becoming a jeweler. "When I started, my prices were $5 to $150. When my son, Scott, joined the business around 1990, we were working in all gold, and our price range was $300 to $700. Now there is hardly anything in our booth that is less than $700."

Although there is still some beer to be found (one artist hides his in a pottery cup, which he sips from throughout the day), the fairs have toned down from their hippie days, except for an occasional nudist at the naturist booth in the nonprofits section or the staged nude events by photographer Harvey Drouillard.

At the end of the 1990s, the South University merchants and the Street Art Fair ended their forty-year relationship—in court. The longtime fair ended up leaving South U for the area around Burton Tower and adding "the Original" to its name to distinguish itself from the rest—especially the fourth fair that the merchants started, Ann Arbor's South University Art Fair.

PEGGY PAGE

"My biggest concern is not the economy," says jeweler Scott Berry, vice-chair of the Guild's board. "It is the media coverage of the economy, the fear factor it generates." But for longtime fair administrator Shary Brown, the problems are more than psychological: between lost sponsorships and fewer booth spaces, her Original fair faces a $65,000 deficit.

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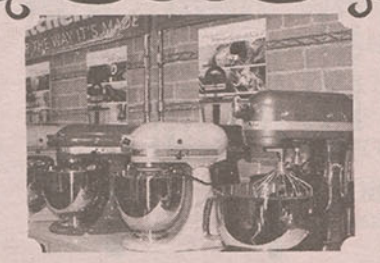

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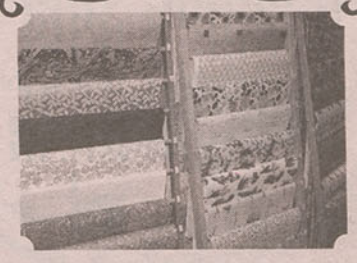

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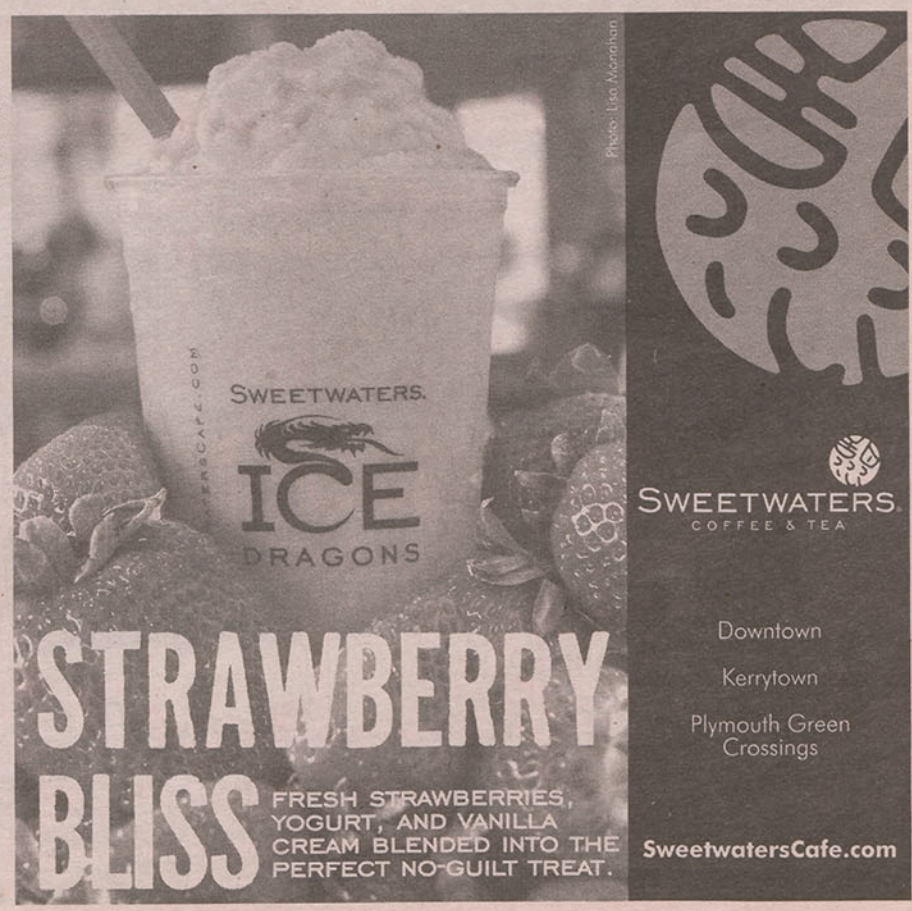

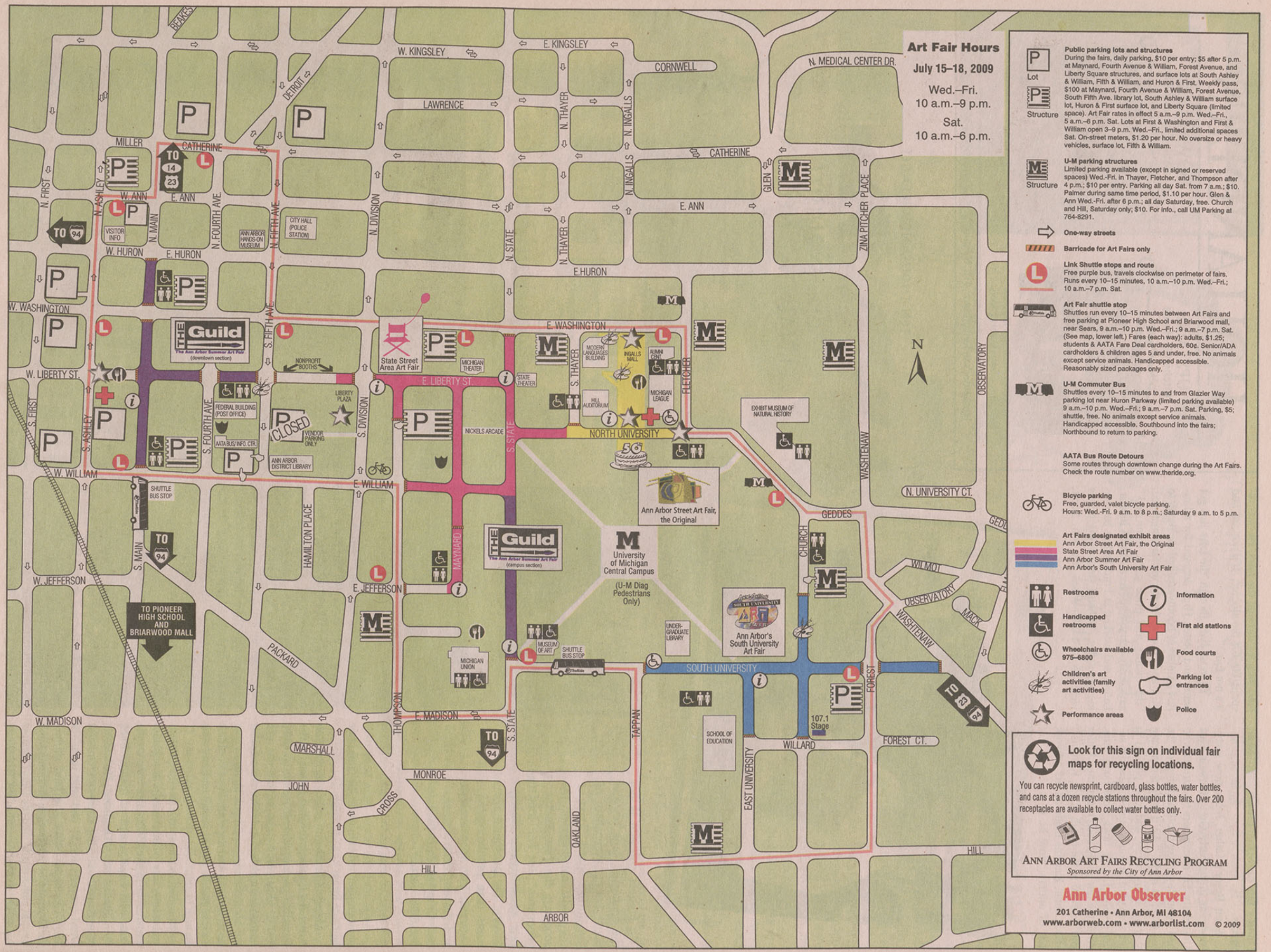
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"I got very upset when the split came," John Berry recalls. "It was a perfect storm. At the same time as the economy was going through an upheaval with the dot-com bust, the number of artists was increasing from 1,000 to 1,300. Creating another fair was a bad solution as far as I was concerned."

Suarez recently moved to Brooklyn but says he stopped going to the fairs even before he left town. "In recent years, it is too much of the same stuff repeated over and over again. It's just a bunch of individuals showing up, instead of having a bigger sense of community. Now it's more of an annoyance."

Attendance has dwindled visibly since the fairs' heyday. When Cynthia Shevel moved Middle Earth to South U in the 1970s, she recalls, "there were huge crowds. You literally couldn't walk on South U." She would hire seventeen or eighteen extra people during Art Fair week to staff six tables set up outside the store. "It's certainly not that way any more," she says, "at least not for the last three or four years. Now I hire just three extra people; we have one table outside, and we're fine."

> Word got out that the "Ann Arbor art fairs" were in economic trouble—a rumor that the other fair organizers want to squelch. "There are four of us," emphasizes Maggie Ladd of the South University Area Association, "and only one of us is in trouble."

Her anecdotal observations match trends in art fair shuttle ridership data from the Ann Arbor Transportation Authority. From 1993 to 2008, the peak year was 1996, when shuttle ridership was 133,285. Since then, ridership has zigzagged downward to a low of 61,995 last year.

In terms of average gross sales, the Ann Arbor art fairs used to rank near the top in Lawler's reference books. In the 2009 edition, the highest-ranking local fair was the Summer Art Fair; with average sales of $6,092, it finished twenty-fourth. Number one? Sausalito, California, with $11,299.

Looking ahead

Sculptor John T. Unger was relaxed as he strolled around the 2008 fair. Why not? He was just there as a tourist with his girlfriend.

Unger, of Mancelona near Traverse City, has exhibited at some art fairs, but never Ann Arbor. Why should he? Last year, his gross revenue from selling metal fire bowls and masks was more than $100,000. He works from home and gets 98 percent of his sales via his website. "I have enough profit to support a family of three and an assistant who has a mortgage," he says.

"The Internet is my primary sales tool," says Unger, forty-one. "I did $9,000 in sales last week without leaving the house. I wouldn't want to do the Ann Arbor shows. It would be so disruptive to my production schedule what with the travel time there and back, the setup time, and the lost studio time." And because he sells online, he has customers in forty-three states, giving him a buffer from Michigan's economic downturn.

But his high-tech approach doesn't work for everyone. Bryan David Griffith, a photographer in the State Street Area Art Fair who got an engineering degree from U-M in 1997, also has a website, but he finds he sells best at art fairs, where he has direct interaction with customers. "I think that to fall in love with a piece, you have to see it in person to appreciate its subtleties," he says—particularly with his high-resolution images, which are shot on large-format (four-by-five-inch) film. Besides, he says, "If I was selling from a gallery or online, I'd be so isolated from my customers."

Griffith, who lives in Flagstaff, Arizona, got a little panicked about the economy after the financial markets plummeted last fall but says "I decided to hunker down and focus on making new work." He expects the national and state economy to impose a Darwinian contraction on the number of artists at fairs. He would like each Ann Arbor art fair to reduce its artists by 20 percent "to increase the sales for everyone."

But if a fair has fewer artists, it gets less in booth rental fees, a major source of revenue. The solution may lie in partial or complete unity, a concept those involved with the fairs have discussed for decades—so far, to no avail. Scott Berry points out the advantages—not just in controlling costs, but in potential new income. "Now the four shows compete individually for sponsors. Many potential sponsors have told us that what keeps them from sponsoring us [the Guild fair] is that they cannot underwrite the entire event. If we could become the 'Ann Arbor Art Fair,' we could get a mega-sponsor like Coca Cola or Disney."

In the meantime, everyone has their fingers crossed about the 2009 fairs—particularly since seven out of eight visitors are from Michigan, according to a recent survey.

"George," (not his real name), works at one of the Detroit Three auto companies. He passed up a buyout offer two years ago, hoping to outlast downsizing until the economy improved. He was optimistic about his chances until June—when he was asked for a report on outsourcing his own job. Every week he hears a different

rumor about the future of his work group. As a preventive cost-cutting move in case that dreaded pink slip arrives, his child will enroll at Washtenaw Community College—instead of going away to school.

In years past, George and his wife have been regular art fair shoppers. He estimates they've spent more than $1,000 on paintings and jewelry and would break up their shopping with dinner at fine downtown restaurants. This year is different. "Our dishwasher is broken," he says. "We need new gutters on the house. We've downsized our vacation. My son is working instead of going to camp.

"We like to go to the art fairs, to talk to people and look at things—you don't want to stay home all the time and cut yourself off. But this year we can't go to the art fair and buy art. We'll walk around and look, and at the most, we'll get some quick food from those small ethnic places."

As this art fair writer can attest, you can do the fairs with round-trip AATA bus fare ($2.50 per adult), a packed picnic lunch or supper to eat on the Diag, and a water bottle that can be refilled for free from those delightfully chilly water fountains in the Michigan Theater.

People watching, the main entertainment of the fairs since they began in 1960, is free. ■

An art critic confesses

This is off the record.

You can't tell anyone. I mean it: nobody.

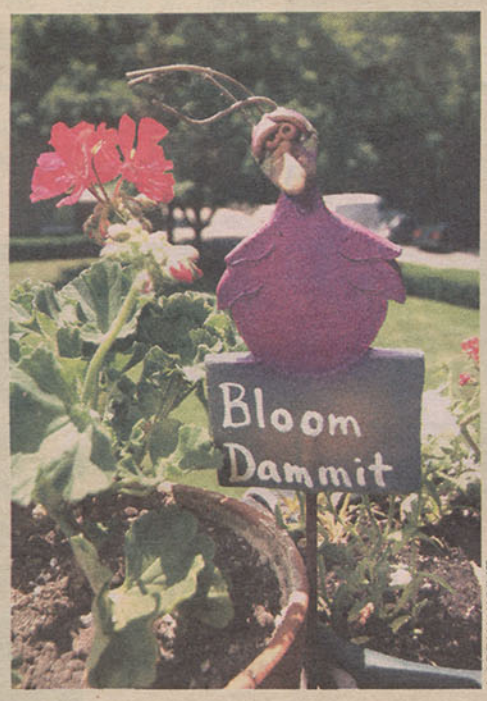
If this gets out, I'll lose all credibility—as an art critic, a journalist, and a woman of intelligence, sophistication, and taste. Especially taste.

In 1984 I became a visual art critic for the *Ann Arbor News* and began covering the Ann Arbor art fairs. Now I get paid by the Observer to walk around the fairs, talk to artists and customers, and write about it—everything from $65,000 museum-caliber pots to $2 balloon animals sold to children by squatters who sell from the fringes of the official fairs.

After two decades of hearing artists and fair organizers squabble about art vs. craft, which fair is best, quality, and endless jokes about art-on-a-stick, something unexpected happened one Friday night at the art fairs.

I took my best friend on a highlight tour of the four fairs, pointing out all the goodies I'd found during the past three days. Gradually we headed toward an après-fair supper at Zanzibar. Our last stop was a quick detour toward shoe sales on Liberty.

Then, at the exact same moment, we saw him in a booth. For me, it was a breathless moment of recognition of my soul mate—no, not George Clooney, Denzel Washington, or Daniel Craig, but a goofy, fuschia bird on a stick. His cartoon bubble read, "Bloom Dammit." My friend said, "It's just so you."



J. ADRIAN WYLIE

My inner imp agreed. I am a gardener with a recalcitrant kalanchoe, a succulent that had not bloomed in more than a decade.

My quandary? What if some art fair hotshot or artist whom I'd dissed saw me carrying Dammit. Having mocked art-on-a-stick in print more than once, I'd be busted as a hypocrite.

I pondered the dilemma of how to acquire Dammit without anyone knowing. Oh, where was Harry Potter's invisibility cloak when I needed it?

The solution stood beside me. When in doubt, bribe.

"If you carry the bird to the restaurant," I told my best friend, "I'll buy you a cocktail." She laughed and warned me, "I'll order their most expensive drink."

I paid for Dammit. The artist wrapped his head, but he was still clearly art-on-a-stick. We walked to the restaurant without incident and had a great meal. But when we settled the bill, I panicked. What if someone saw me carrying Dammit to my car?

Now, my friend may be Buckeye born-and-bred and a Sparty, too, but she is one tough negotiator. She upped the ante. "I'm not carrying him to your car for a mere drink. You owe me the next dinner." Grateful that she didn't move up to Gandy Dancer range, I agreed.

Our luck ran out. Two blocks later in front of my church (God works in such mysterious ways) we ran into my pastor, her husband, a reporter from the *Detroit Free Press,* and his wife. Each of them unwrapped his or her art fair purchases to show us. We oohed and cooed, while I silently prayed that no one would ask my best friend about her telltale package, because I knew she'd rat me out. Thankfully, they didn't ask—and she didn't volunteer the information.

When I got home, I stuck Dammit in the pot with the kalanchoe. In summer, he stares at me while I drink coffee with my flowers on the balcony. In winter he stares at me near the dining room table. He's still smiling, and he's still goofy, a constant reminder that despite seeing the Mona Lisa and the Cologne cathedral, I'm tacky and silly to the core.

But despite his year-round encouragement, the kalanchoe still stubbornly refuses to bloom.

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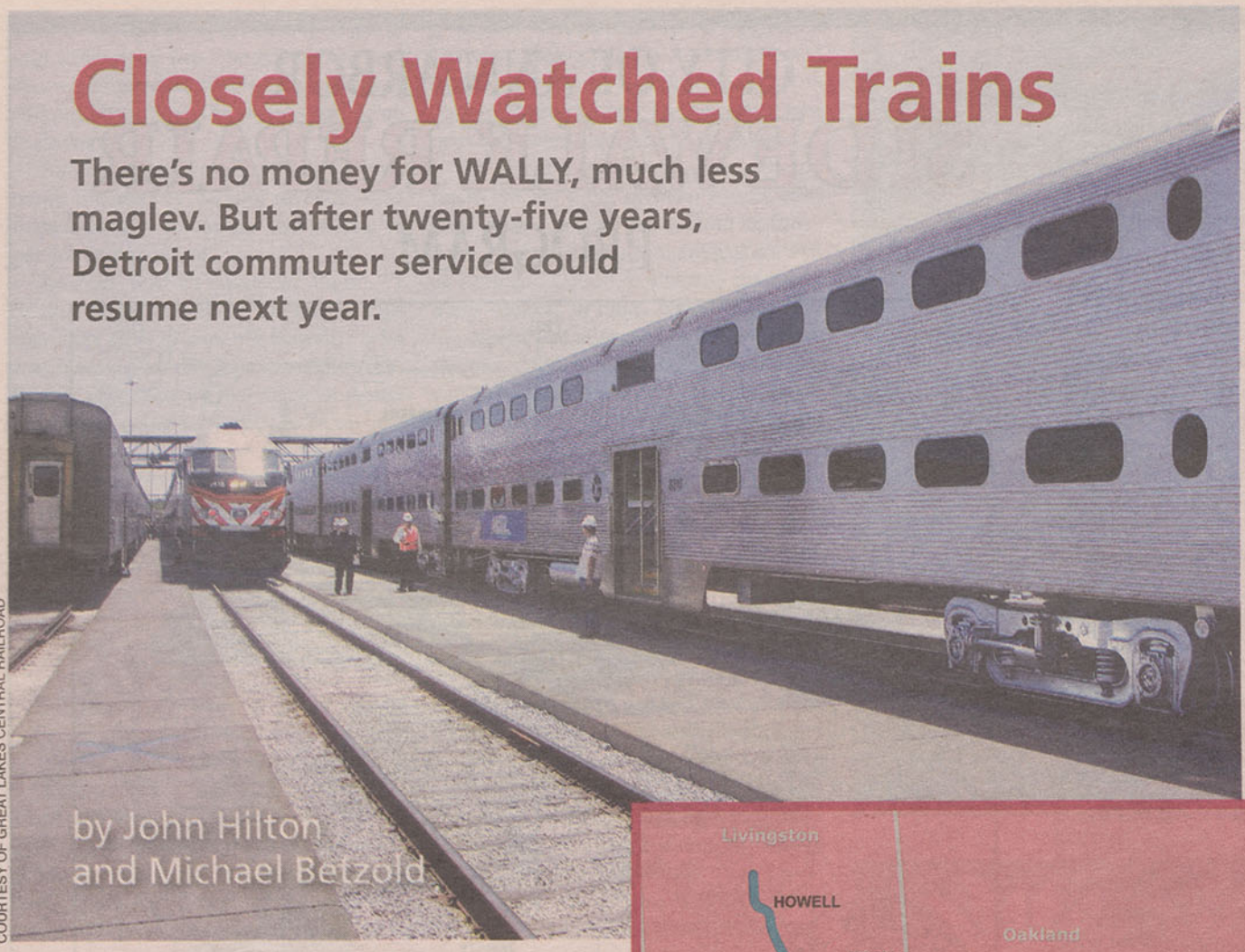
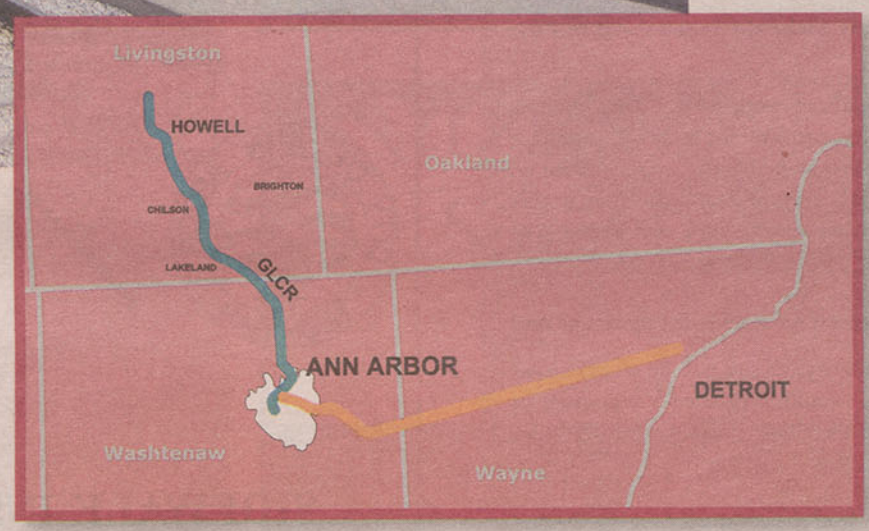


COURTESY OF GREAT LAKES CENTRAL RAILROAD

by John Hilton and Michael Betzold

Lou Ferris not only bought the railroad running north from Ann Arbor, he picked up more than fifty stainless steel passenger cars. A 2006 demonstration run on his GLCR (green line on map) was so convincing that service seemed just around the corner. But now WALLY is sidetracked, and a commuter line east to Detroit (yellow line) looks like the better bet.



Mayor Hieftje was brimming with optimism when he unveiled his ambitious plan for a train to Howell in the summer of 2006.

"No passenger train had run the route in decades," he recalls. "I wanted to demonstrate it could be done.

"I had been working with our staff on the idea of a north-south rail line for over a year before Great Lakes Central took over the rights to the rail line north of Ann Arbor in the spring of 2006," he continues. "This opened the door to making something happen—Lou Ferris of Great Lakes Central Railroad was an obvious partner."

Hieftje is the kind of guy who gets excited by green technology, from the solar panels at the Farmers' Market to the living roof planned atop the City Hall addition. Though Ferris's main business is financial services, the Superior Township resident also has a strong interest in commuter trains: he not only bought the railroad that hauls freight on the state-owned tracks north of town, he purchased dozens of passenger cars as well.

While Ferris put together the train, Hieftje sent out invitations to sixty local leaders. And on June 15, 2006, the mayor, the entrepreneur, and their guests boarded at Traver Road for a ride to Eight Mile Road in Whitmore Lake.

The train looked like the real thing—even the cars were stainless steel double-deckers retired from Chicago's METRA system. The demonstration was so convincing, in fact, that it was easy to imagine that regular service was just around the corner. Early in 2007, GLCR president Mike Bagwell told the Observer that "WALLY" (the "Washtenaw and Livingston Line") could be carrying passengers that summer.

Instead, two years later, WALLY is stuck on a siding. The reasons for that are a lesson in the realities of twenty-first-century transportation.

Ferris's GLCR was glad to operate the proposed train—but it wasn't about to underwrite its losses. So Hieftje and county commissioner Jeff Irwin (D-Ann Arbor) helped put together a "WALLY coalition" that included representatives from Howell, Northfield Township, and the U-M, as well as Ann Arbor and Washtenaw County.

Conspicuously missing from the list: conservative Livingston County, where about two-thirds of the line would run. Its commission voted against joining Washtenaw in forming an authority to oversee the project. Eventually, the coalition persuaded the Ann Arbor Transportation Authority to take on that role. But AATA, too, was wary of taking financial responsibility—especially as the costs of the project kept mounting.

Even if funds were found to fix the cars and track, WALLY would still lose money. A consultant estimated the proposed commuter train would cost $7 million to operate in its first year, but fares would bring in just $2 million.

Consultant R.L. Banks, hired to come up with a business plan, concluded that trains running on the existing beat-up tracks would be too slow to attract riders. And since the tracks belong to the Michigan Department of Transportation, not GLCR, the company had no incentive to spend the $32.5 million the consultant estimated would be needed to bring them up to speed.

More money would be needed to comply with the Americans with Disability Act. Last fall, Chris White of AATA told a committee that the retired METRA cars do not meet current ADA requirements, because they lack a level boarding mechanism and other access features. According to Carolyn Grawi from the Center for Independent Living, the cars do not have accessible restrooms, either. Grawi also noted that ADA requires access within a three-quarter-mile radius around each stop—a bus to bring disabled riders to the station, for example.

And even if funds were found to fix the tracks and the cars, WALLY would still lose money. Drawing on a number of ridership surveys, the consultant estimated the train would cost $7 million to operate in its first year—but fares would bring in just $2 million. Backers will have to find a way to subsidize the other $5 million.

Irwin had hoped that Washtenaw County voters would provide that money. He estimates that a 1-mill transit levy would raise $15 million annually. So far, though, the reaction to the idea of a new tax has been lukewarm at best from the county commission, and downright hostile from Ann Arbor City Council. For now at least, with the recession, raising taxes as a funding source is an idea that's dead in the water.

Other possible funding avenues also seem blocked. Last fall, the state Senate rejected a measure that would have let local governments impose gas or sales taxes to pay for transit. And the state itself has no spare change. Its budget is already so tight that it can't even come up with the matching funds needed to collect federal grants. According to a state transportation task force report, Michigan needed $30 million in matches to federal funds for "intermodal passenger" (public transit) projects in 2008—but had only $10 million available. As a result, "Several regional rapid transit projects that have or are close to receiving FTA [Federal Transit Administration] approval will not be able to proceed."

"There's still some questions about how the capital and operating costs will get funded," acknowledges Mary Stasiak, AATA spokeswoman. "We're looking at all the options. We're still pursuing it"—a full-time AATA staffer is working on the project—but, Stasiak admits, "we're in a waiting period."

Mayor Hieftje still figures a north-south train would be a bargain compared to the cost of expanding US-23—even if it carried only a tiny fraction of the highway's traffic. "Just a thousand commuters on the

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Q: If I don't make the repairs what will the City charge me?

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Q: Why doesn't the City find the contractor for the owner?

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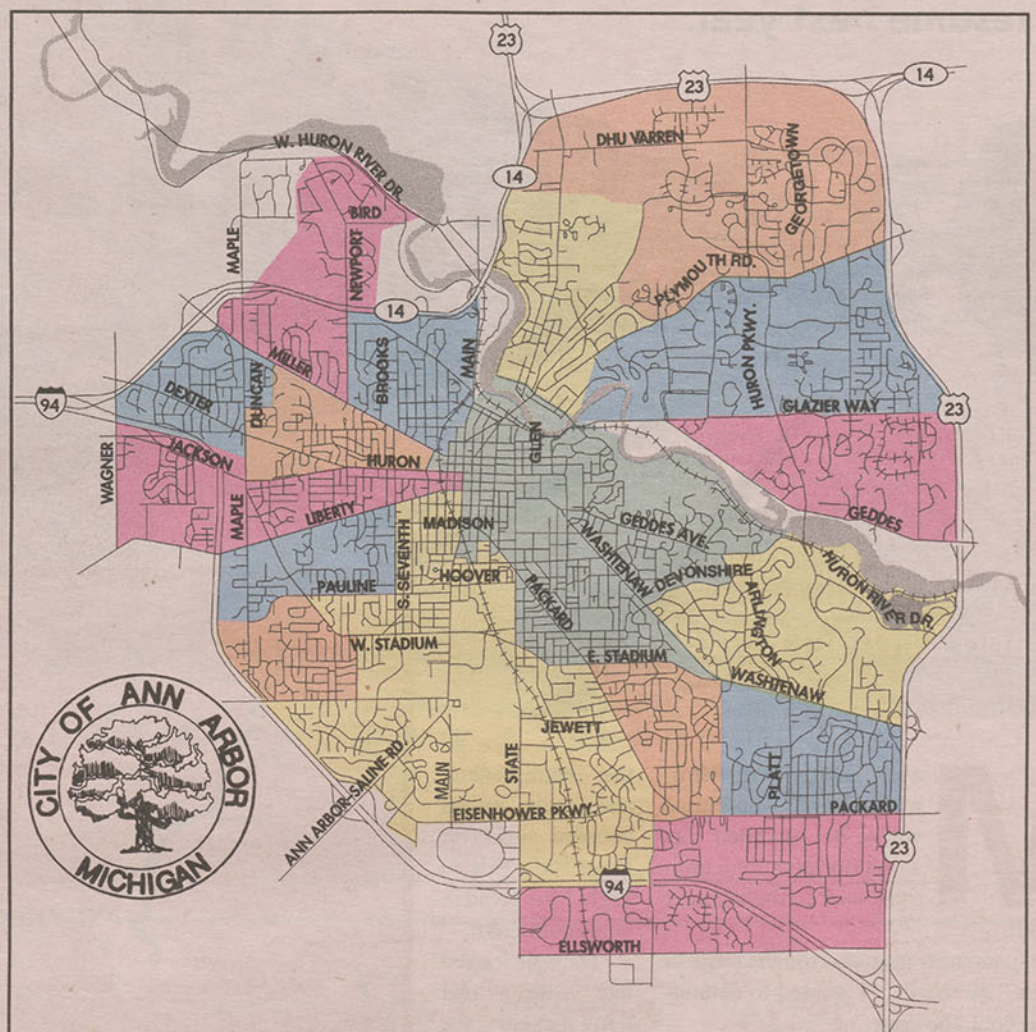

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The City of Ann Arbor has implemented an annual sidewalk repair program to improve the walk-ability of the sidewalks throughout the City. The program will inspect all sidewalks in accordance with the schedule shown on the map. The annual program does not eliminate the citizen request procedure. If you would like to make an inspection request, you may call (734) 994-2493 or send an e-mail to: Sidewalkrepair@ci.ann-arbor.mi.us

SIDEWALK REPAIR & REPLACEMENT PROCEDURES:

1. Property owners or contractors may obtain the specifications and standards for sidewalk repair from the City's **Community Services Area, located at 2000 S. Industrial (Old Utilities Field Office).**
2. If you plan to do the repair yourself, contact the Community Services Area to obtain a right-of-way permit to work within the public right of way 48 hours prior to the work; you must submit certified proof of insurance in the amount of $100,000.
3. If you plan to have a contractor do the work, have them obtain a right-of-way permit from the Community Services Area 48 hours prior to starting work. In order to be granted the permit, the contractor must submit a certified proof of public liability insurance in the amount of $500,000.

THREE REASONS TO REPAIR YOUR PUBLIC SIDEWALK:

1. Children, the elderly, and the physically challenged use our sidewalks daily. Poorly maintained sidewalks carry high risks for injury. Your help is appreciated to make sure all residents may travel safely along our sidewalks.
2. City Code (chapters 47 and 49) requires property owners to properly maintain the sidewalks and public walkways adjacent to or abutting their property for use by the public.
3. Properly maintained sidewalks decrease your liability and enhance the overall aesthetic image of our City.

Property owners may verify that a contractor has a permit by calling the Community Services Area at (734) 994-2674 at least one day before work begins. Hint: Multiple property owners working together may receive lower prices from a contractor.

More information is available on the City's website at: www.a2gov.org/sidewalk

train would take away the need for a [parking] structure or two," he points out, "and that would mean an avoided capital cost of $40 or $50 million. The savings just go up from there."

But parking structures are paid for with bonds financed by parking revenue—and there's no way to capture that money to pay for commuter rail.

And so WALLY waits in limbo. "I think it needs to stay on the table," says state rep Bill Rogers (R-Howell), who was involved in the early planning. But, Rogers says, "the original financial model just wasn't going to work. The locals just would not be able to fund it."

Timothy Hoeffner of the Michigan Department of Transportation says that MDOT would certainly make the tracks available to WALLY—but "no one has the money to operate it at this point."

With that financial dead-end, a proposal by Interstate Traveler seemed especially alluring. According to a front-page story in the *Ann Arbor News* in May, the Whitmore Lake company is offering to build a rail line from Detroit to Lansing via Ann Arbor—and to do it entirely with private money. And this would not be just any rail line. The solar-powered "maglev" train, levitated by magnets above an elevated track, would supposedly be capable of 200 mph, "going from Ann Arbor to Detroit in 10 minutes."

Too bad it will never happen. Originally developed in Germany, maglev trains are so expensive that they've never been used in Europe. The world's only commercial maglev service connects Shanghai, China's largest city, to its international airport in Pudong. The nineteen-mile line cost $1.3 billion to build in 2003 yet carries just 7,500 passengers a day—which may explain why even the world's fastest-developing county has never built another.

But that doesn't mean a Detroit–Ann Arbor commuter line will never happen. While it lacks the futuristic glamour of maglev, or the showmanship of WALLY, a more prosaic plan has quietly been moving forward.

The last commuter trains between Ann Arbor and Detroit were cancelled twenty-five years ago, when the state cut funding during its last great recession. Now the Detroit-based SEMCOG regional planning partnership is working to bring them back.

Unlike WALLY, the Ann Arbor–Detroit line would be operated by Amtrak; it would stop at the existing Amtrak stations in Ann Arbor, Dearborn, and Detroit, plus new ones in Ypsilanti and near Metro Airport.

Unlike the northbound line, decrepit tracks are not a big problem for the east-west route. It gets much more traffic—from Norfolk & Southern freights as well as Amtrak's Detroit-to-Chicago passenger trains—and is in much better shape. And the capital that is needed to build the new stations, improve signaling and switching, and add some sidetracks is in reach. A total of $8 billion in federal stimulus money is designated for high-speed rail.

"We're pretty confident we'll get some if not all of [the capital needed] from the stimulus package," says Carmine Palumbo, director of transportation services for SEMCOG. In fact, at a recent meeting of the nine-state Midwest High Speed Rail Association, the Pontiac-Detroit-Chicago corridor was one of three projects recommended as priorities for the federal funds. Hoeffner, the MDOT administrator, hopes that the stimulus package could fund a high-speed rail line all the way from Detroit to Chicago. MDOT and SEMCOG are working on an application, due in early August, for stimulus funding.

Once the capital funds are found, someone will still have to underwrite the operating costs. The amount of subsidy has yet to be determined, but "we're probably going to have to pass the hat," Palumbo says. Potential sources include local municipalities, counties, MDOT, the state legislature, foundations, small federal grants, and private-sector loans or donations.

SEMCOG's pitch will emphasize potential benefits for business. The hope is "to get enough money to run for several years," Palumbo says. If it's demonstrated that there's enough ridership to sustain the line and "show it's a good investment," he says, the long-term goal is to try to get federal money to further expand and improve the tracks—and dedicated local and state funding to pay for operations.

Among the ironies of one commuter train dream being fast-tracked while others sits in the station is this: If the Ann Arbor–Detroit line does get up and running, it will be using equipment owned by Lou Ferris's Federated Capital Corporation—the same cars Ferris and Mayor Hieftje used for the demonstration ride that seemed so promising three years ago. ■

Additional reporting by Vivienne Armentrout

The east-west tracks are in much better shape and the capital needed is in reach. A total of $8 billion in federal stimulus money is designated for high-speed rail.

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Mark Braun takes his act—and his piano—on the road.

by Sandor Slomovits

J. ADRIAN WYLIE

Ann Arborites are used to seeing Mark Braun, aka Mr. B, play piano on the street. He's been a fixture at the Ann Arbor Street Art Fair, the Original, since 1980, playing blues, jazz, and boogie-woogie piano—first at the intersection of East and South University, and then, when the fair moved to its new location, under a tent on North U. This month, Mr. B will be celebrating his thirtieth year at the fair.

But first he'll be taking his act on the road—on a bicycle.

In June, he took delivery on a custom-built, pedal-powered rig with twenty-one gears, two chains, shock absorbers, a rear differential, hydraulic disk brakes, and a flatbed big enough to hold a 352-pound piano.

The people-powered piano mover will make its public debut in Ann Arbor's Fourth of July Parade. Then Braun will truck the rig and piano up to Flint, where he'll play concerts June 6 and 7. From there he will pedal his way to Lansing via back roads for a concert June 10. After a brief stop at the Capitol, he'll bike his piano back to Ann Arbor. Along the way, he'll also be "busking"—playing informal shows and putting out a hat for donations, as he does at the Art Fairs.

Braun is hoping other riders will join him for parts of the trip—particularly the final leg on July 13, when he'll pedal back to Ann Arbor to play the Townie Party.

Braun, fifty-two, has been toying with this idea for more than half his life. "When I was twenty-five, my dream was to go coast to coast, across the whole continent." But though he has a national and even international reputation as a piano player—he just returned from a two-week European tour—Braun also is a full-time carpenter with his own business, Mark Braun Woodworking, doing general and finish carpentry and custom cabinetmaking.

His dual careers haven't left him time for the transcontinental trip. So last summer Braun planned a shorter journey across Michigan. He was forced to put aside that tour when his father became seriously ill. But this year he's determined to make an abbreviated trip "as a kind of trial, to test my body and the bike."

And to test something else. Though he's scaled down the tour from his original dream, Braun's ultimate goal has grown loftier. When he was twenty-five, he says, "I just wanted to jump on a bike with a piano and ride around, see who I met.

And there's still a part of me that just wants to get on that contraption and ride around and see what happens. My dream is to drive by some grandma's porch and just stop and play her a tune." But now he also hopes that this tour, and similar ones he may do in the future, will help raise awareness and money to support young people in the arts and athletics, two of his lifelong passions. Funds raised during his July jaunt will go to Wild Swan Theater's Monique's Kids Fund, which provides theater tickets for low-income families.

MARK BIALEK

Mr. B tries out his pedal-powered piano hauler. In July, he'll ride it from Flint to Ann Arbor—via Lansing and Chelsea.

Braun's titling the trip "Mr. B's Joybox Express" ("joybox" being the nickname for pianos in the early twentieth century in the Deep South). He's setting up a website, www.mrbsjoyboxexpress.com, where supporters can track his progress and make donations.

Jim Fleming, longtime area booking agent and manager to many folk and roots musicians, is advising Braun on the tour. "He's setting a great example," says Fleming, "that people can pursue their dreams."

Mr. B will not be riding alone—literally or figuratively. Two years ago he described his plan to eight of his local pianist colleagues—William Bolcom, James Dapogny, Al Hill, Waleed Howrani, Glenn Persello-Seefeld, Rick Roe, Ellen Rowe, and Tad Weed. They all agreed to help him with the project. Together with Mr. B, they played two evening concerts at the Kerrytown Concert House, and the income from those shows, as well as from the sales of the resulting live recording, *9 Pianists—Our Town, Our Time*, paid to build Braun's rig. "There would not be a trip without my brother and sister piano players here in Ann Arbor," he says.

The piano hauler was designed and built by bicycle maker Mark Nobilette, a former Ann Arborite who lives in Colorado. It is a variation on a design called the Main Street Pedicab, essentially a giant tricycle, or bicycle rickshaw, that is used to pull sightseers in cities throughout the world.

A former student of Braun, Lance Wagner, now in the jazz studies program at MSU, will ride his own bike alongside him, and Braun is hoping others, especially young people, will join him for parts of the trip—particularly the final leg when, after playing an afternoon concert at Aberdeen Bike & Fitness in Chelsea July 13, he plans to pedal back to Ann Arbor in time to play at the Ann Arbor Townie Party that night. (Ellen Rowe is planning to run beside him on that final leg.)

The piano that Mr. B will be pulling is a Baldwin Acrosonic Spinet. "It's a real piano, full keyboard—the only nice little pianos that were ever made." The piano will have a custom-made vinyl waterproof cover to protect it from the elements but "nothing for me," Braun says. "I don't want to get hit by lightning, but otherwise I don't care."

No one who has seen Mr. B play at the Art Fairs should doubt that he can pull off the 125–mile trip. His vigorous marathon performances have amply demonstrated his power and endurance. Playing up to eleven hours a day, sometimes in ninety-degree heat and high humidity, he's only missed one out of the 116 Art Fair days in the last three decades.

"It's sometimes more sport than art," Braun says of his Art Fair shows. "They're harder than a triathlon." He should know—he's done a handful of those, too. ■

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Washtenaw Community College is seeking comments from the public about the college in preparation for a periodic evaluation by its regional accrediting agency. The college will undergo a comprehensive evaluation visit Oct. 12-14, 2009 by a team representing The Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools; Washtenaw Community College has been accredited by the Commission since 1973. The team will review the institution's ongoing ability to meet the Commission's Criteria for Accreditation.

The public is invited to submit comments regarding the college to:

Public Comment on Washtenaw Community College
The Higher Learning Commission
30 North LaSalle Street, Suite 2400
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- **By fax:** 769–3375.
- **By e-mail:** hinch@aaobserver.com
- **After-hours drop box:** right side of the Observer's front door facing Catherine.

What gets in?

We give priority to Ann Arbor events. Always include a contact person's telephone number. Please try to submit materials as early as possible; items submitted after the deadline (the tenth day of the preceding month) might not get in.

Next month's deadline:

All appropriate materials received by the tenth day of the month for the upcoming month will be used as space permits; materials submitted later might not get in (but will be added to arborweb).

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The entire Observer events calendar for the month is available at **arborweb: www.arborweb.com.** This calendar is updated daily. If you have an event not listed in the print calendar, or want to update a listed event, please send it and we'll post it on arborweb.

WARNING!

To save space, many recurrent events are noted only the first time they occur. This includes many weekly and biweekly events. To find a full list of events for the last Wednesday in the month, for example, readers should also check earlier Wednesday listings, especially the first Wednesday.

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1 WEDNESDAY

★Storytime: Waters Place Borders. *Every Wed.–Fri.* Borders staff read from books for infants, babies, and toddlers. *10 a.m. (Wed. & Fri.) & 6:30 p.m. (Thurs.), Borders, 3140 Lohr Rd. Free. 997–8884.*

★Preschool Storytimes: Ann Arbor District Library. *Every Tues. & Wed.* Stories and songs for kids age 2 & up (accompanied by an adult). *Note:* These storytimes are also offered at the Traverwood (Tues., 11–11:30 a.m. & Wed., 6–6:30 p.m.), Malletts Creek (Wed., 10–10:30 a.m.), and Pittsfield (Thurs., 7–7:30 p.m., & Fri., 10–10:30 a.m.) branches. *11–11:30 a.m. (Wed.) & 10–10:30 a.m. (Tues.), AADL youth department story room, 343 S. Fifth Ave. Free. 327–8301 (main library), 327–4200 (branches).*

★Waterloo Recreation Area. *Every Wed.–Sat.* Programs presented by WRA park interpreter Kathy Kavanagh unless otherwise noted. Today's topic: **"Birds of Prey."** Also this month: **"Creatures of the Ice"** (July 2), **"Endangered Species"** (July 3), **"Michigan's State Symbols"** (July 22), **"Michigan Mammals"** (July 23), **"Massasauga Rattlesnake"** (July 25), **"What's in a Seed"** (July 29), **"Petoskey Stone Polishing"** (July 30), **"Alien Invaders"** (July 31). Remainder of July schedule TBA. *11 a.m., Eddy Discovery Center, Bush Rd. (west from Pierce Rd. off I-94 exit 157), Chelsea. Free. $6 vehicle entry fee. 475–3170.*

★Chime Concert: Kerrytown Shops. *Every Wed., Fri., & Sat.* All invited to play one of 100 songs, with melodies transcribed in numbers, on the 17-bell chime's numbered keys. Ambitious players can add chords. Local chimemaster Heather O'Neal demonstrates. *Noon–12:30 p.m. (Wed. & Fri.) & 10:30–11 a.m. (Sat.), Kerrytown. Free. 369–3107.*

★"Music in the Park": Herb David Guitar Studio. *June 1–Oct. 31.* Musical entertainment by a variety of local performers TBA. *Noon–2 p.m., Liberty Plaza, E. Liberty at S. Division. Free. 665–8001.*

U-M Exhibit Museum Planetarium. *Daily (except July 4).* Four different audiovisual planetarium shows. ***The Sky Tonight*** (1:30 & 3:30 p.m. daily) is an exploration of the current night sky. ***The Zula Patrol*** (12:30 p.m. weekdays) is an animated exploration of weather, both terrestrial and interplanetary. ***MarsQuest*** (2:30 p.m. weekdays and 12:30 p.m. Sat.), narrated by *Star Trek* star Patrick Stewart, is about the history of the Red Planet and the reasons for our interest in it. Followed by a brief update on current issues about Mars. ***Origins of Life*** (2:30 p.m. Sat.) is an audiovisual show about the prebiotic chemistry of the Universe after the Big Bang, the formation of the stars and solar systems, the first life on Earth, the great extinctions, and the search for extraterrestrial life. *12:30, 1:30, 2:30, & 3:30 p.m., U-M Exhibit Museum, 1109 Geddes at North University. $4.75. 764–0478.*

ACBL Duplicate Bridge: Ann Arbor Senior Center. *Every Wed. & Thurs.* All seniors age 50 & over invited to play ACBL-sanctioned duplicate bridge. Bring a partner. *12:45–4:15 p.m. (Wed.) & Noon–4 p.m. (Thurs.), Ann Arbor Senior Center, 1320 Baldwin. $5. 769–5911.*

★Chess: U-M Turner Senior Resource Center. *Every Wed.* All seniors invited to play chess. Refreshments. *1–4 p.m., Turner, 2401 Plymouth Rd. Free. 998–9353.*

★"Scrap Your Heart Out": Ann Arbor District Library. *July 1 & 30.* All kids in grades 4–8 invited bring personal memorabilia to put in a scrapbook. Materials provided. *2–3 p.m., AADL Pittsfield Branch (July 1), 2359 Oak Valley Dr. between Scio Church Rd. and Ann Arbor–Saline Rd., & AADL Traverwood Branch (July 30), 3333 Traverwood at Huron Pkwy. Free. 327–8301.*

★"Weed 'n' Sing": Community Farm of Ann Arbor. *July 1, 11, 15, 25, & 29.* All invited to sing rounds and other songs while weeding the farm's crops. *2–4 p.m. (Wed.) & 3:30–5:30 p.m. (Sat.), Community Farm of Ann Arbor, 1525 S. Fletcher Rd., Chelsea. Free. 475–7451.*

★Storytime: Cranbrook Whole Foods Market Kids Club. *Every Wed.* Whole Foods staffers read stories for kids ages 3–12 accompanied by a parent. The Kids Club also sponsors **"Paint Your Own Terra Cotta Pot"** (July 25, 1 p.m., $5), for kids ages 3–12. *4 p.m., Whole Foods, 990 W. Eisenhower Pkwy., Cranbrook Village shopping center. Free. 997–7507.*

★Scrabble: Ann Arbor Scrabblers. *Every Wed.* All invited to play this popular word game. Bring a set, if you have one. *5–8 p.m., Arbor Brewing, 114 E. Washington. Free. 994–0084.*

★"West Side Ride": Ann Arbor Bicycle Touring Society. *Every Wed.* Moderate/fast-paced 25-mile and slow-paced, 13–18 miles, rides to the Dexter Dairy Queen and back. Now in its 32nd year, this ride is a favorite with newcomers and casual riders. Other Wed. ride: **"Superior Salem Dirt Road"** *(9 a.m., Trinity Presbyterian Church parking lot, Gottfredson Rd. at Plymouth–Ann Arbor Rd., 248–437–5067, 663–5060, 663–8960, 482–5103),* a slow/moderate-paced ride, 19 miles or more along gravel country roads. *6 p.m. sharp, meet at Sweepster parking lot, 2800 N. Zeeb Rd. Free. 426–5116 (longer ride), 665–4552 & 761–2659 (shorter ride).*

Magic: The Gathering Tournament: Get Your Game On. *Every Sun. & Tues.–Fri.* All invited to compete in tournaments of this popular collectible card game using standard constructed (Sun. & Thurs.), Elder Dragon Highlander (Tues.), Legacy constructed (Wed.) and booster draft (Fri.) decks. Bring your own cards. Also, **Magic 2010** sealed deck release tournaments ($27 in advance & $29 at the door includes cards) at 1 p.m. (registration begins at noon) on July 11, 12, 19, & 20, and a **midnight release party & tournament** on July 16 ($34.99 includes cards, registration begins at 11 p.m.). Prizes. *6 p.m. (Tues.–Fri.) & 1 p.m. (Sun.), Get Your Game On, 709 Packard. $5 (Tues., free; Fri., $15 includes cards). 786–3746.*

★Storytime: Arborland Borders. *Every Wed. & Fri.* A Borders staffer reads stories and leads a craft project for toddlers. Raffle. *6:30 p.m. (Wed.) & 11 a.m. (Fri.), Borders, 3527 Washtenaw. Free. 677–6948.*

★AXIS Coffeehouse: Ann Arbor District Library. *Every Wed.* All kids in grades 6–12 invited to perform their own poetry or monologue, or a favorite by another writer, or just to sip a hot drink and listen. *6:30–8 p.m., AADL Malletts Creek Branch, 3090 E. Eisenhower (between Stone School & Packard). Free. 327–4200.*

Ann Arbor Bridge Club. *Every Wed.* All invited to play ACBL-sanctioned duplicate bridge. If you plan to come without a partner, call in advance or arrive 20 minutes early. *7–11 p.m., Walden Hills clubhouse, 2114 Pauline at Maple. (Park on the north side of Pauline.) $6 per person. 623–8050.*

"Exploring American BBQ": Zingerman's Roadhouse. Zingerman's Roadhouse chef Alex Young

"Empress of Soul" Gladys Knight sings at Hill Auditorium July 3.

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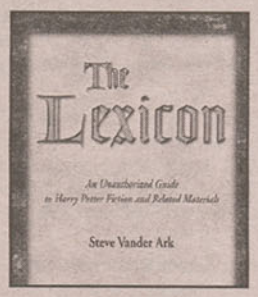

All events will take place in the Downtown Library Multi-Purpose Room, unless otherwise noted.

Thursday 7:00 - 8:30 pm — **2** — Author **Steve Vander Ark** discusses his book ***The Lexicon: An Unauthorized Guide to Harry Potter Fiction and Related Materials*** and the controversy surrounding the book

Monday 7:00 - 8:30 pm — **6** — **Michigan Shakespeare Festival's *The Tempest*:** Director **John Neville-Andrews** and cast members discuss and perform scenes from their upcoming production

Tuesday 6:00 - 9:00 pm — **7** — **Purple Rose Theatre** presents a **Concert Reading and Discussion** of ***Quiet City Boston*** by Michael Brian Ogden This comedy is being considered for PRT's upcoming season

Wednesday 7:00 - 8:30 pm — **8** — **Who Wins? NBC's *The Biggest Loser* Winner Pete Thomas** and UM experts discuss **Overcoming Obesity and Winning At Health**

Wednesday 7:00 - 8:30 pm — **8** — Yankee Air Museum President **Dick Stewart** discusses **The Willow Run Bomber Plant and the Greatest Generation** PITTSFIELD BRANCH

Thursday 1:00 - 2:00 pm — **9** — **Dinosaur Hunting** with **PaleoJoe** • The paleontologist/author discusses dinosaurs and fossils • GRADES K - 5 • PITTSFIELD BRANCH ALSO OFFERED: 7:00 - 8:00 pm • DT MULTI-PURPOSE ROOM

Thursday 7:00 - 8:30 pm — **9** — **The Fastest Woman In The World! Hillary Will** discusses her career as an internationally-known professional dragster driver DT 4TH FLOOR MEETING ROOM

Friday 7:00 - 8:30 pm — **10** — ***Riverwalks Ann Arbor*** author **Brenda Ellen Bentley** discusses **Walking for Fun, Exercise and Cultural Edification in the Ann Arbor Area**

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Wednesday 7:00 - 8:30 pm — **29** — **Film & Discussion: *Designing A Great Neighborhood*** Members of Ann Arbor's co-housing community will lead a discussion after the screening of this award-winning documentary

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Friday 10:00 - 10:45 am — **31** — **Magician Doug Scheer** presents **Puzzle Palooza** • GRADES K - 5 Off-the-wall and mind-bending magic! ALSO OFFERED: 1:00 - 1:45 pm • PITTSFIELD BRANCH

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hosts a dinner featuring barbecued pork, pork ribs, and Texas beef brisket using meat from old breeds of cattle and hogs bred by Niman Ranch (Thornton, IA) and local farmers using sustainable practices. *7–10 p.m., Zingerman's Roadhouse, 2501 Jackson at Maple. $45. Reservations required. 663–3663.*

Food Tastings: Zingerman's Delicatessen. *July 1, 8, 9, 22, & 23.* Zingerman's staff and guest food experts discuss and offer taste samples of various gourmet delights. Today: **"Bacon,"** with Zingerman's cofounder Ari Weinzweig, author of the recently published *Zingerman's Guide to Better Bacon*. Also this month: **"America the Beautiful (and Sweet): Candy"** (July 8), **"American Cheese"** (July 9), **"Al Dente Pasta"** (July 22), & **"Pie!"** (July 23). Also, Zingerman's tea expert Jess Piskor hosts a **"Tea Tasting"** ($10 in advance, $15 at the door), 7–8 p.m., July 7 & 21. *7 p.m., Zingerman's Next Door (upstairs kids room), 422 Detroit St. $20 (July 1, 9, & 22), $30 (July 8 & 23) in advance, $25 (July 1, 9, & 22), $35 (July 8 & 23) at the door. Space limited; reservations required. 663–3354.*

"Israeli Scouts Friendship Caravan": Jewish Community Center. A program of song, dance, and storytelling celebrating friendship by a touring ensemble of Israeli Boy and Girl Scouts. Preceded at 6 p.m. by a pizza dinner. *7 p.m., Jewish Community Center, 2935 Birch Hollow Dr. (off Stone School Rd. south of Packard). $6 (family, $18). $2 discounts for JCC members. Reservations requested. 971–0990.*

★**"Top of the Park": Ann Arbor Summer Festival.** *Through July 5.* A beloved summer tradition continues this year on Ingalls Mall and features music by local, area, and national bands. The music is followed at 10 p.m. (Sun.–Thurs.) by free movies and at 10:30 p.m. (Fri.) by dancing to DJs. Also, a **KidZone tent** (6:30–8 p.m.) with hands-on activities for kids. Food concessions from area restaurants. Tonight: **Hot Club of Detroit** (7 p.m.), a popular jazz quartet that plays in the style of the great Gypsy guitarist Django Reinhardt. Followed at 10 p.m. by 2 short films and ***The Triplets of Belleville,*** Sylvain Chomet's 2002 animated film, at once goofy and frightening, about 3 aged eccentric female music hall stars who befriend an old woman and her dog as they help her search for her kidnapped grandson. Tonight is also **"Bike Night."** Attendees are encouraged to bike to Ingalls Mall. The Summer Festival also includes a series of Power Center and Hill Auditorium shows on July 1–4 (see listings). *7 p.m., Ingalls Mall at Washington. Free. 994–5999.*

★**Visitors Night: Ann Arbor Model Railroad Club.** All invited to check out the trains whizzing around on the club's big, elaborate layout, housed in a depot restored by the club. *7:30–10 p.m., Michigan Central depot, 3487 Broad St., Dexter. Free. 426–5100.*

★**"Renewing the Revolution": Megiddo Peace Project Town Meeting.** All invited to join a discussion about local government and economic policy. *7:30 p.m., 310 S. Ashley. Free. 761–7967.*

★**Stark Raving MADrigal Singers.** *Every Wed. through Aug. 26.* Singers of all abilities invited to join in singing madrigals and other part songs. *7:30 p.m., location TBA. Free. 973–6499.*

★**"Music in the Park": Ann Arbor Civic Band Summer Concert Series.** *Every Wed. through July 22.* A popular local outdoor summer tradition. The 70-year-old Civic Band is led by director Bob Gourley. Bring a picnic and blanket and relax on the grassy slopes. Lemonade and popcorn available. Tonight: **"4th of July Concert,"** with patriotic marches, an "Armed Forces Salute" (a medley of service tunes), "Battle Hymn of the Republic," "America the Beautiful," Sousa's "Stars and Stripes Forever," and more. *8 p.m., West Park band shell near N. Seventh and Miller. Free. 429–5301.*

Jose Gonzalez: Ann Arbor Summer Festival. Grammy-winning Swedish singer-songwriter and guitarist of Argentinian descent who is best known for his minimalist pop-folk cover of The Knife's "Heartbeats." "Gonzalez has a reassuringly airy voice and the intricate finger-picking of a leftfield jazz aficionado," says a *Pitchfork* review of his 2007 album *In Our Nature*. "Thoughtful and atmospheric." Opening act is **Alice Russell,** an English R&B and jazz chanteuse who's been compared to Amy Winehouse. *8 p.m., Power Center. Tickets $20–$35 in advance at the Michigan League Ticket Office & annarborsummerfestival.org, and (if available) at the door. To charge by phone, call 764–2538. 994–5999.*

"Wake": Purple Rose Theatre Company. *Every Wed.–Sun. June 18–Aug. 23.* Guy Sanville directs local actors in the world premiere of Carey Crim's comedy about an agoraphobic mortician whose vivacious mother and precocious teenage daughter try desperately to get her to leave the house. Stars Stacie Hadgikosti, Michelle Mountain, Sandy Ryder, and Bill Simmons. *3 & 8 p.m., Purple Rose, 137 Park St., Chelsea. Tickets $25 (Sun. eves., Wed. & Thurs.), $33 (Sat. & Sun. matinees), & $38 (Fri. & Sat. eves.) in advance and at the door. 433–7673.*

Honey & Clover

Two types of artistic genius

Honey & Clover (Masahiro Takada, 2006) is a romantic comedy about two unrequited-love triangles among students in a Japanese school of art. In the central love triangle, Takemoto (Sho Sakurai), the "least arty" of the students, is in love with Hagu (Yu Aoi), who is in love with Morita (Yusuke Iseya)—who is in love with himself. Both Hagu and Morita are regarded by students and faculty alike as geniuses. Yet they embody two opposing attitudes towards creative talent: Hagu is naive, humble, and idealistic, while Morita is arrogant, egotistical, and prematurely jaded.

Morita, an eighth-year student with no plans to graduate, is invited to open a solo show at a prestigious local gallery. The gallery owners remind him that "this is business" and that his work is "a product." Morita is well aware of this; regarding the cute winged-bunny figurines he seems to make by the dozen, he comments, "that's the crap that sells all over the world." The centerpiece of Morita's show is a giant wooden sculpture, carved with a chainsaw, called *Hole-Ridden Tree*. Hagu points out that he overworked the sculpture, and Morita agrees that he ruined it but places it in the show anyway because, basically, he is too lazy and indifferent to redo it. *Hole-Ridden Tree* sells for five million yen, and Morita is celebrated on a trendy television news show.

Hagu, by contrast, is an abstract painter of large, brightly colored canvases in a time when "abstracts aren't hot." Professor Koda (Ginpuncho) encourages Hagu to enter a prestigious international art contest but warns her to stop painting abstracts—she will be "crushed by the weight of her own talent," Koda warns, if she tries to fight the trends in the art market. "I've seen so many talented artists disappear through recklessness and willfulness," the prof laments. Professor Hanamoto (Masato Sakai), on the other hand, values Hagu's naive commitment to pure art: "Once in a while, let them dream for all of us," he suggests.

After Morita kisses Hagu on a whim and then ignores her, she falls into a creative slump, getting so depressed that she won't eat, hardly talks, and can bring herself to paint only a giant all-black canvas. It takes a dramatic, selfless artistic statement by Morita to lift Hagu out of her slump—a statement demonstrating that (hint: this is the moral of the film) a capacity for compassion and the spirit of giving are essential to the creative process and to maintaining one's artistic integrity.

Honey & Clover is at Lorch Hall on July 31 as part of the U-M Center for Japanese Studies Summer 2009 Film Series.

—Lizzi Wolf

Note: Most educational documentaries are listed with the daily Events.

Docu Fest. Screening of a different documentary film every Mon. FREE. 662–5414. Dominick's 2nd floor, 812 Monroe, 7 p.m. *July 6:* **"The Obama Deception"** (Alex Jones, 2009). Exposé that presents President Obama as the puppet of an oligarchic New World Order. *July 13:* **"The Garbage Warrior"** (Oliver Hidge). Portrait of Mike Reynolds, a New Mexico eco-architect and sustainable living proponent. *July 20:* **"Jesus Camp"** (Heidi Ewing & Rachel Grady, 2006). Acclaimed documentary about an evangelical Christian children's summer camp. *July 27:* **"The Water Front"** (Liz Miller, 2009). Documentary about a water privatization scheme in Highland Park.

Dreamland Theater. Cost TBA. 657–2337. 26 N. Washington, Ypsilanti, 8:30 p.m.

July 11: **"Movie Night."** Screening of several short films by local filmmakers. To submit a film, email dreamlandtheater@gmail.com. Doors open at 8 p.m.

Michigan Theater Foundation. Unless there is a live show in the main theater, 2 or 3 different films are shown, usually twice or more, almost every night. For complete, updated schedules, see michtheater.org or call 668–TIME. Tickets (unless otherwise noted): $9 (children, students, seniors, & veterans, $7; MTF members, $6.50). Michigan Theater, times TBA unless otherwise noted.

June 26–July 2: **"Enlighten Up!"** (Kate Churchill, 2008). Documentary about a skeptic who agrees to be immersed in the world of yoga and meets the full spectrum of yogis, from quacks to gurus.

July 1–31: **"Ice Age: Dawn of the Dinosaurs"** (Carlos Saldanha & Mike Thurmeier, 2009). 3D animated film about four Ice Age mammal friends and their dangerous encounters with dinosaurs.

July 3–9: **"Cheri"** (Stephen Frears, 2009). Romantic drama set in 1920s Paris about the young son of a courtesan who retreats into his fantasy world after being forced to end a relationship with an older woman.

July 5 & 7: **"Bullitt"** (Peter Yates, 1968). Action flick that stars Steve McQueen as a tough cop determined to find the gangster that killed the witness he was protecting. 1:30 p.m. (July 5) & 7 p.m. (July 7).

July 10–16: **"Summer Hours"** (Olivier Assayas, 2008). Drama about two brothers and a sister who must relinquish their family belongings after the death of their mother. Juliette Binoche. French, subtitles.

July 12 & 14: **"Pandora's Box"** (G.W. Pabst, 1928). Silent film that stars the cobralike flapper Louise Brooks as a sensuous chorus girl whose eroticism draws and destroys dazzled men until a predator responds to her allure. Live organ accompaniment. 1:30 p.m. (July 12) & 7 p.m. (July 14).

July 17–23: **"Food, Inc."** (Robert Kenner, 2008). Documentary about the dirty underside of America's corporate food industry. Michael Pollan.

July 19 & 21: **"The Cocoanuts"** (Robert Florey & Joseph Santley, 1929). The 1st Marx Brothers film—a zany mix of jewel thieving, real estate schemes, and star-crossed love. 1:30 p.m. (July 19) & 7 p.m. (July 21).

July 24–30: film TBA.

July 26 & 28: **"The 400 Blows"** (Francois Truffaut, 1959). Intense portrait of an adolescent whose neglectful parents ignore his drift into delinquency. French, subtitles. 1:30 p.m. (July 26) & 7 p.m. (July 28).

U-M Center for Japanese Studies. "Family Feuds: Adolescence and Kinship." This summer's film series explores friendships and familial relationships in recent Japanese films. Japanese, subtitles. FREE. 764–6307. Lorch Hall auditorium (Tappan at Monroe), 7 p.m.

July 24: **"The Taste of Tea"** (Katsushito Ishii, 2004). Drama about a rural Japanese family that includes an anime artist, an amateur hypnotist, a Go player, and a young girl who's pursued by a giant version of herself.

July 31: **"Honey and Clover"** (Masahiro Takada, 2006). *See review, above*. Drama based on a graphic novel about 4 carefree college art students whose relationships become complicated when a young woman enters their lives.

U-M Japanese Animation Film Society. U-M campus admission policy: No one under 18 admitted without an adult. FREE. umich/~animania. MLB, 812 E. Washington at Thayer, 10 a.m.–midnight. July date TBA. "Animania." Monthly anime-a-thon of feature films and episodes from TV series. Raffle.

WCBN-FM. FREE admission. 763–3500. Arbor Brewing Company (114 E. Washington), 8:30 p.m. July 8: **"Jazz on a Summer's Day"** (Bert Stern, 1959). Documentary about the 1958 Newport Jazz Festival features performances by Louis Armstrong, Thelonious Monk, Dinah Washington, Mahalia Jackson, Chuck Berry, & more.

★**"My Trivia Live": Pizza House.** *Every Wed.* All invited to join a team to enter a trivia contest. Prizes. *8:30–10:30 p.m., Pizza House, 618 Church. Free. 995–5095.*

"Juke Box Jungle": Conor O'Neill's Irish Pub. *Every Wed.* Conor O'Neill's staff member Brian Aherne hosts a music trivia quiz. Prizes. *9–11:30 p.m., Conor O'Neill's, 318 S. Main. $3 team fee. 665–2968.*

Wednesdays @ Michigan Union: Swing Ann Arbor. *Every Wed.* Swing dancing to prerecorded music. No partner needed. Bring casual or nicer shoes that stay on your feet when you're active. Preceded by intermediate swing (7:30 p.m.) and beginning swing (8:30 p.m.) lessons. *9:30–11 p.m., Michigan Union Pendleton Room (occasionally Ballroom or U-Club). $5 (includes lessons). 945–8428.*

2 THURSDAY

★**Thursday Lunch Bunch: Jewish Community Center.** *Every Thurs.* A weekly program of activities primarily for seniors. The program begins at 10 a.m. with **"Energy Exercise"** ($4), a 60-minute exercise program led by Maria Farquhar. An 11 a.m. **Current Events** discussion group led by Heather Dombey is followed at noon by a homemade dairy lunch ($3 with reservation, $4 without reservation and for nonseniors) and at 1 p.m. by a cultural or educational program. Today: U-M Dearborn microbiology professor Richard Adler discusses **"Jewish Ann Arbor."** Also this month: local educator Naomi Zikmund-Fisher discusses ***Across the Chasm*** (July 9), her chronicle of her family's experience with a bone marrow transplant. Trips ($5 with reservations) to the **Ann Arbor Art Fairs** (July 16) and to the **U-M Museum of Art** (July 23). A speaker TBA on **"How Current Economic Conditions Are Affecting Seniors"** (July 30). *10 a.m.–3 p.m., JCC, 2935 Birch Hollow Dr. (off Stone School Rd. south of Packard). Free. 971–0990.*

★**"Nature Fun Thursdays: Stories and ABC Hike": Washtenaw County Parks and Recreation Commission.** *July 2, 16, & 30 (different locations).* WCPARC naturalist Faye Stoner presents a program of nature stories for kids age 3 & older. Followed by a hike. Insect repellent recommended. Today: **"Creepy Crawlies."** Also this month: **"Fun in the Forest Scavenger Hunt"** (July 16) and **"Wading the Lake Shore"** (July 30). Shoes required. *10:30–11:30 a.m., County Farm Park Medford Rd. lot (July 2), Independence Lake County Park Beach Center (July 16 & 30), 3200 Jennings (north off North Territorial), Webster Twp. Free. Preregistration required. $5 (July 16 & 30) vehicle entry fee. 971–6337, ext. 334.*

★**"Bank of Ann Arbor Sonic Lunch": Ann Arbor Chamber of Commerce.** *Every Thurs. except July 16.* Musical entertainment by local performers. Today: **Red Arrow Highway,** a versatile local folk-rock band led by singer-guitarist Theo Katzman and singer-bassist Andrew Kratzat. *July 9:* **Brian Vander Ark,** the raspy-voiced lead singer of the popular mid-1990s dance-rock band Verve Pipe, is a West Michigan singer-songwriter known for his earnest, reflective, melodic explorations of personal themes. *July 23:* **Tumbao Bravo,** a Cuban jazz quintet led by local saxophonist and flutist Paul VornHagen and percussionist Alberto Nacif. *July 30:* **Dragon Wagon,** a local acoustic experimental roots music quintet.

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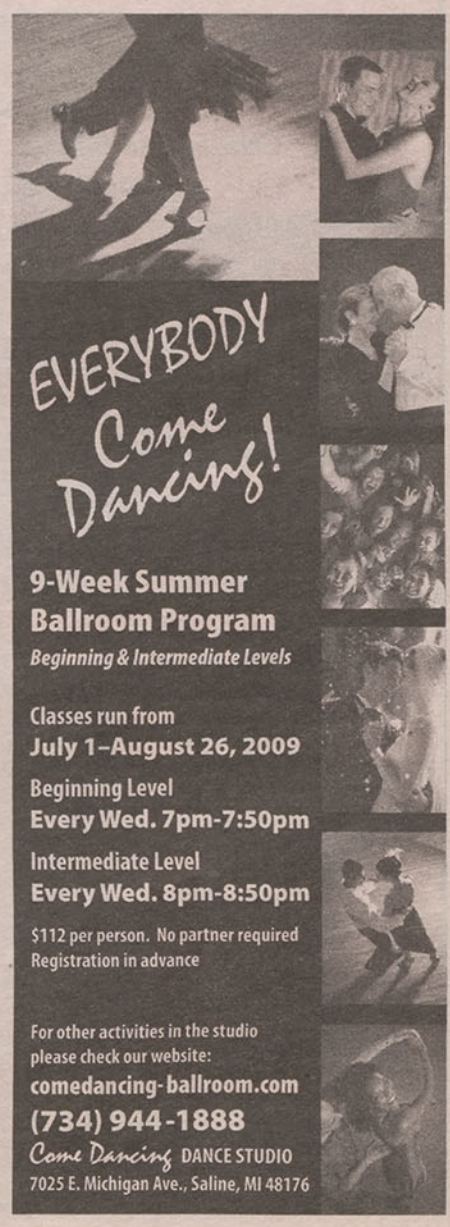

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★**Gifts of Art: U-M Hospitals.** *Every Thurs.* Performances by area and guest artists. Today: 19th-century music by the **Dodworth Saxhorn Band.** Also this month: Brazilian and Latin jazz by bassist **Edie Herrold** and her ensemble **Red Shoes** (July 9), swing and bebop by **Five Guys Named Moe** (July 16), Celtic folk music by **Cairn to Cairn** (July 23), and acoustic folk-rock by **Souls Alike** (July 30). *Noon, U-M Hospital lobby, 1500 E. Medical Center Dr. (off Fuller). Free. 936–ARTS.*

★**"S'More Solar Fun": Ann Arbor District Library.** AADL staff help adults and youth in grade 4 & up how to make a s'more oven out of a cardboard box and aluminum foil. Weather permitting, the program concludes by testing the ovens outside. Material provided. *1–2 p.m., AADL Pittsfield Branch, 2359 Oak Valley Dr. between Scio Church Rd. and Ann Arbor–Saline Rd. Free. 327–4200.*

"Thursday Night Rush Hour Relief": Cranbrook Whole Foods Market. *Every Thurs.* Whole Foods staffers discuss wine. Also, tastings and small plates of food. Today's topic: **"Pool Side Sippers."** Also this month: **"Top 10 Red Wines"** (July 9), **"Top 10 White Wines"** (July 16), **"Sangria & Other Wine Cocktails"** (July 23), and **"Washington State Wines"** (July 30). *5–7 p.m., Whole Foods Wine Bar, 990 W. Eisenhower Pkwy., Cranbrook Village shopping center. $17. 997–7507.*

"Trunk-a-Palooza": Kerrytown District Association. *Every Thurs. (except July 16), July 2–Sept. 10.* Weekly garage sale where folks sell everything from china to cowboy hats out of their car trunks. *5–8 p.m., Farmers' Market, between Fourth Ave. and Detroit St. Free admission. Vendors: preregister for $20 at glbtbooks.com/trunkapalooza.htm. 277–2908.*

★**Warhammer/Warmachine Open Play: Get Your Game On.** *Every Tues., Thurs., & Sat.* All invited to play these 2 tactical miniatures board games. *5 p.m. (Tues. & Thurs.) & 2 p.m. (Sat.), Get Your Game On, 709 Packard. Free. 786–3746.*

★**Board Game Night: Get Your Game On.** *Every Thurs. & Sat.* All invited to bring a favorite board game or play one of the store's. *6 p.m., Get Your Game On, 709 Packard. Free. 786–3746.*

★**"Sounds and Sights on Thursday Nights": Chelsea Retail Advisory Council.** *Every Thurs., June 25–Sept. 3.* Musical entertainment on stages downtown, as well as activities for kids. Also, an art market, food vendors, and carriage rides. Weekly schedules available at chelseafestivals.com. *6:30–8:30 p.m., downtown Chelsea. Free (fee for carriage ride). 475–1145.*

★**"Thursday Evening Ride": Ann Arbor Bicycle Touring Society.** *Every Thurs.* Fast/moderate-paced 25-mile ride around northeast Ann Arbor that includes some good chances to improve your climbing skills. Other Thurs. rides: **"Frank Lloyd Wright Ride"** *(7 p.m., meet at 2722 Georgetown Blvd. north off Plymouth Rd., 995–5017, 663–5060),* a slow-paced 15-mile ride on mountain or wide-tired road bikes over the lightly traveled, hard dirt roads behind Domino's Farms. On July 2 only (weather permitting): **"Moonshadow Ride"** *(10 p.m., east end of Mitchell Field parking lot, Fuller Rd., 973–9225),* slow-, moderate-, and fast-paced rides, 8–24 miles, along the Gallup Park pathway. *6:45 p.m., meet at the Fuller Pool parking lot, Fuller Rd. Free. 996–9122.*

ACBL Bridge: Ann Arbor City Club. *Every Thurs.* All invited to play ACBL-sanctioned duplicate bridge. No partner required. *7 p.m., Ann Arbor City Club, 1830 Washtenaw. $5. 761–6691.*

★**Ann Arbor Go Club.** *Every Sun. & Thurs.* Players of all skill levels invited to play what's regarded as the world's most difficult board game. No partner necessary. Boards and stones provided. *7 p.m.–midnight (Thurs.) & 1–6 p.m., Espresso Royale, 322 S. State. Free. 417–5547.*

★**"Raw Kids!: Eliminate Childhood Illness": Living Yoga.** Lecture-demo by local raw foods advocate Ellen Livingston and Health 101 Institute director Don Bennett. They also present a **raw food demo with taste samples** ($10 with preregistration required at 996–8111) at Arbor Farms, 2103 W. Stadium, on July 16, 6–8:30 p.m. Livingston also hosts a **raw food potluck** on July 19 (1–3 p.m., location TBA; call 995–0875). *7–8:30 p.m. Crazy Wisdom Bookstore & Tea Room, 114 S. Main. Free. 994–9174.*

★**"The Lexicon: An Unauthorized Guide to Harry Potter Fiction and Related Materials": Ann Arbor District Library.** Steve Vander Ark, a former middle school media specialist in western Michigan, discusses his controversial new book based on his Harry Potter Lexicon website and his legal struggle to get it published. *7–8:30 p.m., AADL multipurpose room (lower level), 343 S. Fifth Ave. Free. 327–4555.*

★**"Top of the Park": Ann Arbor Summer Festival.** See 1 Wednesday. Tonight: **That 1 Guy** (8:30 p.m.), the stage name of Mike Silverman, a Berkeley-based classically trained bassist who has created his own instrument, the "Magic Pipe," a "system of electronically wired steel plumbing, shaped somewhat like a harp, with a thick bass string wired from top to bottom and a hole that billows smoke during the climax of his live shows," according to his website. Opening act is **Strange Arrangement** (7 p.m.), a progressive indie rock quartet from Chicago. The music is followed at 10 p.m. by ***Quantum of Solace,*** Marc Forster's 2008 James Bond flick about 007's quest to stop an alleged environmentalist from taking control of a large chunk of Bolivia. Daniel Craig. 7 p.m.

Israeli Dancing: Jewish Community Center. *Every Thurs.* Dance instructor Cheryl Felt and DJ Amnon Steiner lead a variety of Israeli dancing to recorded music. Easy dances and oldies the first hour followed by intermediate dances and requests. Beginners welcome. New dances taught each week. *7:30–10 p.m., JCC, 2935 Birch Hollow Dr. (off Stone School Rd. south of Packard). $5 (students, free). 971–0990.*

★**"Women's Responses to War": Women's International League for Peace and Freedom.** Former international WILPF president Regina Birchem discusses her recent trip to Israel and Gaza. Followed by discussion. *7:30 p.m., 310 S. Ashley. Free. 761–7967, 665–4615.*

★**U-M Sailing Club.** *Every Thurs.* All invited to meet members of this local sailing club and hear a talk by club members. Today's topic: **"Sailing the Laser."** Also this month: **"Racing Tactics & Strategies"** (July 9), **"Racing Rules"** (July 16), **"Weather for Sailors"** (July 23), and a topic TBA (July 30). *7:45 p.m., Duderstadt Center conference room 4, 2281 Bonisteel, North Campus. Free. 426–4299.*

★**Motor City Metro Chapter of the Barbershop Harmony Society.** *Every Thurs.* All male singers invited to join the weekly rehearsals of this local barbershop harmony chorus. *8–10 p.m., ICC Education Center (behind Luther House at 1520 Hill). Free to visitors ($130 annual dues for those who join). Park on Lincoln or Baldwin. 474–1155.*

"Dean & Britta: 13 Most Beautiful..Songs from Andy Warhol's 'Screen Tests'": Ann Arbor Summer Festival. Dean Wareham and Britta Phillips, former members of the indie pop band Luna, sing dream pop tunes set to 13 of Warhol's rarely seen 16 mm short films that include shots of a young Dennis Hopper, Lou Reed, and other stars. The project, commissioned by the Andy Warhol Museum (Pittsburgh), has been called "a perfect pairing" with "haunting, seductive scores." *8 p.m., Power Center. Tickets $20–$30 in advance at the Michigan League Ticket Office & annarborsummerfestival.org, and (if available) at the door. To charge by phone, call 764–2538. 994–5999.*

"A Picasso": Performance Network Professional Season. *Every Thurs.–Sun., June 11–July 12.* Tony Caselli directs Jeffrey Hatcher's drama, set in 1941 Nazi-occupied Paris, about a high-stakes battle of wills between Pablo Picasso and a beautiful German agent who needs him to authenticate 3 of his works that the Nazis have confiscated from their Jewish owners and intend to feature in a public art-burning. Cast: John Manfredi, Emily Sutton-Smith. *8 p.m., Performance Network, 120 E. Huron. Tickets $27 & $29 (Thurs.), $32 & $34 (Fri. & Sun.), $25 & $27 (Sat. matinee), $39 & $41 (Sat. eve.). $3 discount for seniors age 60 & over. Tickets available in advance at performancenetwork.org & by phone, and at the door. $10 student discount in advance, half-price student tickets at the door only. For reservations, call 663–0681; to charge by phone, call 663–0696.*

"Wake": Purple Rose Theatre Company. See 1 Wednesday. 8 p.m.

"Comedy Jamm": Ann Arbor Comedy Showcase. *July 2 & 23.* Performances by up to 12 aspiring area stand-up comics. Alcohol is served. *8 p.m., old VFW Hall (below Seva restaurant), 314 E. Liberty. $5 in advance and at the door. 996–9080.*

3 FRIDAY

★**"Stamp It": Ann Arbor District Library.** All kids from preschoolers through 5th graders invited use the AADL rubber stamp collection to make a mini-mural. Also, on July 13, a chance to make an **"Exotic Feather Pencil."** *10–11:30 a.m., AADL Malletts Creek Branch, 3090 E. Eisenhower (between Stone School & Packard). Free. 327–4200.*

★**Movie Matinee: Ann Arbor Senior Center.** *Every Fri.* Screening of a film TBA. Lunch available ($2.50), 11:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m. *12:30 p.m., Ann Arbor Senior Center, 1320 Baldwin. Free. 769–5911.*

★**Bridge: U-M Turner Senior Resource Center.** *Every Mon. & Fri.* All seniors invited to play bridge. Refreshments. *1–4 p.m., Turner, 2401 Plymouth Rd. Free. 998–9353.*

"Story Time": Tree Town Toys Kidtivities. *Every Fri.* Tree Town staff tell stories illustrated with puppets. *2–2:30 p.m., Tree Town Toys, Traver Village, 2611 Plymouth Rd. Free. 929–6545.*

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Rising airfares, fluctuating gas prices, and a troubled economy have put the traditional summer vacation beyond many budgets this year. But giving up on the idea of a getaway doesn't have to mean giving up on a vacation altogether. For many of us, the perfect answer is a "staycation:" the vacation you take while staying at home.

At first blush, a staycation might sound like a term coined by a late-night TV infomercial in a vain attempt to convince you that a week at home is the equivalent of a week in Paris. But done right, a staycation can be as interesting, fun, and restorative as its more traditional counterpart. After all, most of the things you'd do on a long-distance vacation—swimming, boating, golf, shopping, fine dining, theater, sight-seeing—are available right here in the Ann Arbor area. And you can do it all without the stress of packing, airport security, when-are-we-gonna-get-there interminable road trips, and exorbitant hotel and travel expenses.

The key to taking a great staycation is to plan for it. That means setting a start and end date, and clearing your decks ahead of time by paying the bills, mowing the lawn, doing the household chores—just as you would before traveling. It also means putting together a list of fun actitivies so you don't fritter the day away flipping channels or get sucked into cleaning out the garage because you're at home and you might as well do something "productive." Get the whole family involved, and ask what everyone would like to do. No matter how well you think you know Ann Arbor, it's a cinch there's stuff around town you've never checked out or have forgotten about.

Sampling local delicacies and native cuisine is one of the pleasures of getting away. But it's easy to travel the world, culinarily speaking, without ever leaving Washtenaw County. Ann Arbor's restaurant scene offers a palate-pleasing tour of Italy, France, China, Japan, Korea, Thailand, Ethiopia, Poland, Greece, and Cuba, among other countries. If your taste buds prefer to sprecken zie Deutsch, the venerable **Metzger's German Restaurant** serves specialties like spatzen, sauerbraten, and schnitzel alongside prime rib, salads, and fish in cozy, comfortable surroundings. Founded in 1928, Metzger's is family-friendly and family-run. John Metzger, who heads up the staff, is the third generation of his family to man the helm.

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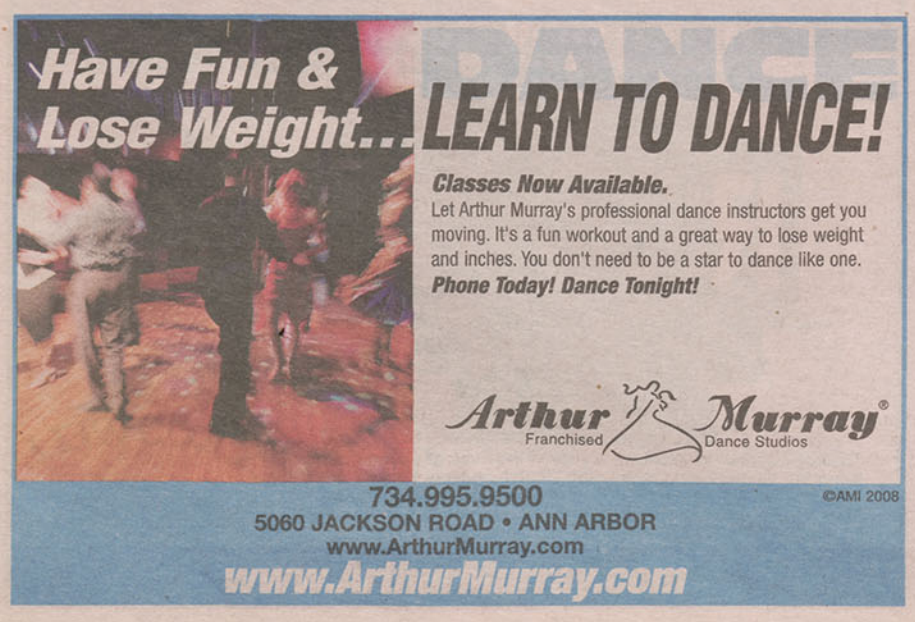
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commitment to presenting rising talent means you might catch the next big star on his or her way up. Over the years, luminaries like Tim Allen, Drew Carey, Rosie O'Donnell, and Ellen Degeneres have graced the Comedy Showcase stage. And if you think you could be the next big thing, you can take the stage yourself at one of the club's weekly open mike nights.

If you'd rather dance with the stars than laugh at them, learn how to trip the light fantastic at **Arthur Murray Ballroom and Latin Dance Studio**, where you can take private or group classes for either singles or couples. Learn to waltz, fox-trot, swing, or tango, as well as master the steps of country-western, ballroom, and salsa. Optional weekly practice parties give you a chance to strut your stuff with instructors and fellow students before you take your act on the road.

Catch an off-Broadway show without paying for midtown Manhattan parking at the **Purple Rose Theatre** in Chelsea. Founded in 1992 by actor and Chelsea native Jeff Daniels, the Purple Rose showcases both emerging talent and seasoned pros in the recently renovated Garage Theatre, once a used car and bus garage owned by Daniels's grandfather. Past shows have included Lanford Wilson's *Book of Days*, which earned the Purple Rose the American Theatre Critics Award for best new play, and Daniels's own *Escanaba in da Moonlight*. This summer, the Purple Rose is staging *Wake*, a comedy by Carey Crim about an agoraphobic mortician and the efforts of her family to get her out of the funeral home and on a trip to Moscow.

Sometimes the ultimate vacation is getting the kids out of the house. Do it guilt-free with fun and educational day camps like the **University of Michigan's Camp CAEN**, a computer science and computer engineering camp offered by the university's College of Engineering. Classes include C++ and web programming, game development, flash animation, web graphics, and virtual reality rendering and modeling. Camp CAEN gets kids moving, too, with activities like soccer, volleyball, tennis, swimming, capture the flag, and Frisbee.

The world's great cities are renowned for their architectural splendor, but a stunning example of mid-twentieth-century Midwest style is on display less than two hours from Ann Arbor at the **Alden B. Dow Home & Studio** in Midland. Dow studied with Frank Lloyd Wright, and you can see Wright's influence in Dow's sweeping rooflines, large glass walls, wood joinery, and geometric forms imposed on a lush garden landscape. Like Wright, Dow believed that building spaces should flow together, without unnecessary doors or partitions to isolate one room from another, and that regardless of shape, size or function, the organic building should have a strong, visible geometry resembling the crystalline forms found in nature. Indoors and out, this is a beautiful, restful place.

What's a vacation without souvenirs? Browse the bounty at Kerrytown's **Found**, a fun little shop packed with vintage items, candles, collectibles, and home décor, much of it made from recycled and reclaimed materials. Treasures include vintage sheet music, rickrack and buttons, litho-tin toys, antique doorknobs, children's prints, angels crafted from old silverware, baskets made from woven newspaper, and

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jewelry made from typewriter keys and license plates. Just down the hall in Kerrytown, **Princess Designs** has a fascinating selection of Russian lacquer nesting dolls, Japanese Netsuke carvings, and Irish jewelry. The elegant boutique also specializes in natural stone jewelry, including turquoise, lapis, Baltic amber, and amethyst.

Open-air markets are so European—and, it turns out, very Ann Arbor. A lazy summer stroll through the **Sunday Artisan Market** is a feast for the senses, with lush plants, greens, cut flowers, and glittering jars of jams and jellies on display alongside paintings, photography, textiles, jewelry, handmade furniture, and leather work.

Remember summer camp crafts projects? Reclaim a piece of your childhood at the **Scrapbox**, where you can find a wide assortment of weird bits and pieces donated by businesses who would otherwise send their remnants, seconds, and samples to the landfill. This good "junk" is perfect for learning games, science experiments, crafts, and imaginative play. It's also ridiculously affordable: just $6.50 to fill a large bag; $4 for a smaller one. Not sure what to do with those concentrated orange juice can lids? There are ideas and examples displayed all over the store.

You don't have to travel to play a championship golf course. Here in Ann Arbor, **Stonebridge Golf Club** offers an 18-hole course designed by world-famous golf course architect Arthur Hills. The natural beauty of the terrain—lush green turf contrasting with water and woods—makes it a pleasure to play. Stonebridge also offers on-site practice putting greens, a driving range with a large chipping bunker, a pro shop, and a full-service bar and grill.

Actually, you don't even have to leave your house to have a great staycation. Turn your backyard into a resort setting at **Cornwell Pool and Patio**, where an extensive selection of casual outdoor furniture, lighting, and umbrellas sets the scene for lounging in a comfy chair with a glass of iced tea and a good book. Even if you're not creative, the store's designers can put together a grouping that will make your patio, deck, or sunroom look like a sumptuous vacation property. You'll have the perfect staycation setting for this summer and for years to come.

Don't forget to take pictures! And to make staycation memories last a lifetime, put together a scrapbook of your summer at **Scrapbook Haven**. Even if you've never done anything more advanced than throwing photos into a shoebox, this Westgate store has everything you need to put together a spectacular memory book, including supplies, beginning and advanced classes, open cropping sessions, and more.

That scrapbook, by the way, will serve as a wonderful reminder of what vacations are really supposed to be about: a break from routine, and quality time with the people you love. Staycations have all that in spades, plus the luxury of being in complete control of your itinerary—you do what you want, when you want. We've all heard someone returning from a long trip say that they need a vacation from their vacation. This year, kick back. Relax. And enjoy the feeling of your wallet resting in your pocket, where it belongs.

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★**"Dexter DQ Ride": Ann Arbor Bicycle Touring Society.** *Every Fri.* Slow-paced 26-mile ride to the Dexter Dairy Queen for a snack. Also, on July 10 only, **"Washtenaw Bicycling and Walking Coalition Ride Around Town"** *(6 p.m., Liberty Plaza, Liberty at Division, 995–1989)*, a ride in a figure-8 loop around downtown. *6 p.m., Abbot School, 2670 Sequoia Pkwy. (off Maple 1 block south of Miller). Free. 662–0205.*

★**Summer Concert Series: Dexter Area Chamber of Commerce.** *Every Fri, June 5–Aug. 28.* A variety of local and area bands. For weekly schedule, see dexterchamber.org. *6:30–8:30 p.m., Monument Park gazebo, downtown Dexter. Free. 426–0887.*

Dances of Universal Peace (Sufi Dancing). All invited to join in song, chant, and circle dances in joyous affirmation of the unity of the world's spiritual traditions. *7–9 p.m., Friends Meetinghouse, 1420 Hill. $5 requested donation. 332–7964.*

★**Crossroads Summer Festival.** *Every Fri., June–Aug.* Outdoor stage in downtown Ypsilanti with a variety of dance bands. (In case of rain, held in Club Divine, 25 North Washington.) Tonight: **NoteWorthy,** a local funk-soul band. *July 10:* **Flying Latini Brothers,** country-flavored rock, along with some Tom Waits covers, by this local band fronted by singer-songwriter John Latini. Opening acts are **Annie Capps,** a local folk-rock singer-songwriter and electric guitarist who is accompanied by her husband, guitarist Rod Capps, and **Mustard's Retreat,** the veteran duo of singer-guitarists Michael Hough and David Tamulevich, who perform a wide variety of original and traditional songs and ballads about everyday life. *July 17:* **Back Forty,** a local acoustic string jam quintet that plays a brand of twangy roots-folk music fused with elements of jazz and psychedelic rock that it calls "down-home funkgrass." Opening act is **Tone and Niche,** a Detroit indie pop-rock quintet fronted by singer-guitarist Anthony Retka and singer-violinist Nicole Varga. *July 24:* **Stella!,** a new country trio led by local singer-songwriter Jo Serrapere. Opening act is **Bill Bynum & Co.,** a Downriver singer-songwriter and guitarist whose bluegrass-based songs also draw on oid-time, early country, gospel, and contemporary folk music. *July 31:* **Harper,** a blues-rock band led by Peter Harper, a singer-songwriter from Australia, recently transplanted to Grass Lake, who plays blues harp and didgeridoo. Opening act is **Orpheum Bell,** a local self-styled acoustic "country and eastern" quintet that features a richly musical, often ravishing blend of country-folk rhythms with Gypsy and other Eastern European melodies, drawing on a diverse range of influences from the Carter Family, Grandpa Jones, and Gillian Welch to Kurt Weill, Tom Waits, and the Pogues. Its core sound blends vocals, accordion, guitar, and double bass, with additional texture and luster from violins, clarinet, percussion, and autoharp. *7–10 p.m., Washington St. at Michigan Ave. Free. 717–7305.*

Lodi Township 175th Anniversary Jubilee. *July 3–5.* 3 days of activities. Proceeds benefit a restoration project for the Lodi Township Old Town Hall. Today: Bingo ($2 per card) followed at 9 p.m. by dancing to the **New Horizons Band,** a local senior band. Beer & wine available. *July 4:* **Car show,** blacksmith & weaving demos, street performers, sale of works by local artisans, kids games & prizes (2–4 p.m.), **lawn mower racing** (2–4 p.m.), and square & line dancing ($5; kids age 11 & under, free) to music by accordionist **Luke Schaible** and his band. Also, picnic lunch ($5; Lodi residents, free) and chicken dinner (5–7 p.m., $10; kids, $6). *July 5:* Self-guided tours of historic local farms, the Old Town Hall, and the Lodi Cemetery. Followed by refreshments at the Old Town Hall. Maps available at the Washtenaw Farm Council Grounds. *7–11 p.m. (July 3), 11 a.m.–10 p.m. (July 4), and 1–4 p.m. (July 5), Washtenaw Farm Council Grounds (July 3 & 4), 5500 Ann Arbor–Saline Rd., & various locations (July 5). Free admission. 944–2922.*

★**"Top of the Park": Ann Arbor Summer Festival.** See 1 Wednesday. Tonight: **Bugs Beddow Band** (9 p.m.), a versatile Detroit ensemble led by trombonist Beddow that plays horn-driven R&B, boogie-rock, blues, and jazz. Opening act is **Copper Box** (7 p.m.), a Wisconsin quartet that plays an accordion-heavy mix of rock, polka, blues, and zydeco. The bands are followed at 10:30 p.m. by dancing to music spun by **DJ Del Villarreal.** 7–11:30 p.m.

★**Advanced Study Group: Rudolf Steiner Study Circle of Ann Arbor.** *July 3, 17, & 31.* All invited to join this ongoing study group to discuss Rudolf Steiner's book *Lectures on Karmic Relationships,* vol. 7. Familiarity with Steiner's basic ideas required. *8–9:30 p.m., 33 Ridgeway East, 1 block east of the Arb entrance on Geddes. Free. 662–6398.*

"An Evening with Gladys Knight": Ann Arbor Summer Festival. The "Empress of Soul" made her singing debut at age 7 when she won the *Original Amateur Hour,* but she's best known for her time with Gladys Knight & the Pips, when she recorded hits

such as "I Heard It Through the Grapevine," "Midnight Train to Georgia," and "Neither One of Us." "She will torch you, blues you, swing you, and delight you," says a reviewer of her 2006 album *Before Me*. *8 p.m., Hill Auditorium. Tickets $35–$65 in advance at the Michigan League Ticket Office & annarborsummerfestival.org, and (if available) at the door. To charge by phone, call 764–2538. 994–5999.*

"A Picasso": Performance Network Professional Season. See 2 Thursday. 8 p.m.

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Nick Anthony: Ann Arbor Comedy Showcase. *July 3 & 4.* Ann Arbor debut of this young comic from Minnesota, a zany storyteller with a wry, edgy take on life. Preceded by 2 opening acts. Alcohol is served; all Fri. & Sat. early shows are nonsmoking. *8 & 10:30 p.m., 314 E. Liberty (below Seva restaurant). $8 reserved seating in advance, $10 general admission at the door. 996–9080.*

"Friday Night Swing": Ann Arbor Swing Dance Association. *Every Fri., except July 17.* Swing dancing to prerecorded music. No partner needed. Bring hard-soled shoes. Preceded at 8 p.m. by beginning lessons. *8:45–11:45 p.m., Dakota Bldg., 1785 W. Stadium. $5 (includes lessons; students, $3). 972–9141, 417–9857.*

★**"Fireworks at Hudson Mills": Hudson Mills Metropark.** Easily visible from any point in the park. Also, classic-rock dance music by **Big Pinky and the Joint Effort Band** outdoors by the Activity Center (7–11 p.m.). Gates usually closed by 9:30 p.m. because the parking lots fill up. Rain date: July 4. *10 p.m., Hudson Mills Metropark Activity Center, 8801 North Territorial Rd. (between Dexter-Pinckney Rd. & Huron River Dr.), Dexter. Free. (Park entry fee: $4 per vehicle.) 426–8211.*

4 SATURDAY

Hudson Mills Metropark Interpretive Nature Programs. Programs presented by Hudson Mills naturalist Jennifer Hollenbeck. Today: **"Bird Hike."** Bring binoculars and a field guide. Also this month: **"Bug Hunt for Toddlers"** (July 11). All toddlers invited to look for and learn about some of the insects that inhabit Hudson Mills. **"Children's Day Fishing"** (July 18). All kids invited to meet at the park's Rapids View Area to try their hand at fishing. Tackle (including poles) and bait provided, or bring your own. *7:30 a.m. (July 4), 11 a.m. (July 11), & 1–3 p.m. (July 18), Hudson Mills Activity Center, 8801 North Territorial Rd., Dexter. $2 unless otherwise noted. Preregistration required. $4 vehicle entrance fee. 426–8211.*

18th Annual Camaro Superfest 2008: Eastern and Western Michigan Camaro Clubs. *July 4 & 5.* The nation's longest-running Camaro-only show features several hundred vintage to brand-new models on display. This year's show features the **2010 Camaro.** Numerous awards for original, restored, street, and modified models. All invited to enter their Camaros ($15–$25). Swap and vendor areas. Raffle. Food available. Proceeds benefit the National Kidney Foundation. *8 a.m.–4 p.m., Riverside Park, Cross St. at Huron, Ypsilanti. $3 admission (kids age 14 & under, free). 368–8726, 397–5182.*

★**"Dexter Breakfast Ride": Ann Arbor Bicycle Touring Society.** *Every Sat. except July 11.* Beginner-friendly slow-paced (22 miles) and moderate/fast-paced (30 to 80 miles) round-trip rides to the Dexter Bakery. A very popular ride. Also, after the bakery stop, a fast/moderate-paced **swim extension ride** (40 to 60 miles) continues to Silver Lake for a swim. On July 11 is the popular annual AABTS "One Helluva Ride" (see listing). Also, at sunrise at Wheeler Park only, **"Sunrise Saturday Ride,"** a very slow-paced 22-mile ride (662–0205) to Dexter for breakfast and back. *Note:* Riders should be prepared to take care of themselves on all AABTS rides. Carry a water bottle, a spare tire or tube, a pump, a cell phone or change for a phone call, and snacks. *9 a.m., meet at Wheeler Park, N. Fourth Ave. at Depot St., or at Barton Park, Huron River Dr. Free. For information, call 996–9461 (July 4 ride), 994–6340 (July 18), 663–5060 (July 25), 971–1065 (swim extension).*

★**Ann Arbor Fourth of July Parade: Ann Arbor Jaycees.** This popular community celebration is now in its 19th year. The parade lineup features antique cars, baton twirlers, jugglers, magicians, fire trucks, and a diverse mix of more than 40 local groups, families, and dignitaries, ranging from members of the Skyline High Marching Band to the Backwards Clown Brigade. The parade begins at State and William and proceeds north on State, west down Liberty, south on Main, and west up William back to its starting point. *10 a.m., starts at William & S. State. Free. 913–9629.*

★**Annual Independence Day Potluck: U-M Sailing Club.** Potluck picnic. Bring a dish to share. Also, open sailing, windsurfing, canoeing, kayaking and swimming on the lake. *10 a.m.–sunset, Baseline Lake, 8010 Strawberry Lake Rd., left from Mast off North Territorial. Free. 426–4299.*

★**Children's Storytime: Barnes & Noble.** *Every Sat.* Storytelling programs and occasional craft activities for kids. *11 a.m., Barnes & Noble, 3235 Washtenaw. Free. 973–1618.*

★**Storytime: Nicola's Books.** *Every Sat.* Storytelling program for kids under age 7. *11 a.m., Nicola's, Westgate shopping center. Free. 662–0600.*

Draw Doubles: Local 101 Disc Golf Club. *Every Sat.* All invited to play disc golf at one of Hudson Mills Metropark's 24-hole disc golf courses. Beginners are paired with advanced players to create parity. Prizes. Golf discs available free. *Noon, Hudson Mills Metropark Activity Center, 8801 North Territorial Rd. (between Dexter-Pinckney Rd. & Huron River Dr.), Dexter. $5 per player; free for spectators. $4 vehicle entrance fee. 449–4300.*

★**"Music in the Park": Herb David Guitar Studio.** See 1 Wednesday. Today: **Sounds of the Czars,** a local Tiki-flavored surf-rock lounge quartet. Noon.

★**Ann Arbor Juggling Arts Club.** *Every Sat.* All invited to practice their juggling skills. Beginners welcome. Indoor location TBA in case of inclement weather. *2–4 p.m., U-M Diag. Free. 761–1115.*

"Saturday Splash": Ann Arbor Parks & Recreation. *Every Sat.* A variety of water activities for kids ages 6–12. Includes water-balloon contests, water baseball, raft races, a hula-hoop relay, and more. *7–8 p.m., Veterans Park Pool, 2150 Jackson Rd. $4 (youths age 17 & under and seniors age 60 & older, $3.50). 794–6235.*

★**"Top of the Park": Ann Arbor Summer Festival.** See 1 Wednesday. Tonight: the gospel-flavored local blues ensemble **Lady Sunshine & the X Band** (9 p.m.). Opening act is the Dayton funk-rock band **Magic Jackson** (7 p.m.). Preceded at 5 p.m. by performances by musicians from the **Ann Arbor Music Center's Rock Band School** and the Sterling Heights acoustic pop duo **Sunny Side Up.** 7 p.m.

The Capitol Steps: Ann Arbor Summer Festival. In the Summer Festival's perennial July 4 tradition, this Washington, D.C.–based comedy troupe performs its trademark political and topical satire, fashioned by writing new lyrics, ranging from silly to bawdy, to familiar songs. The group also performs a few skits and "Lirty Dies" routines, a vaudeville-era comedic form that employs spoonerisms—the transposition of the initial letters of adjacent words—to create humorously garbled texts. The newest of its 29 CDs, *Obama Mia!*, includes songs such as "Ebony and Ovaries," "Little Plumber Boy," and others. *5 & 8 p.m., Power Center. Tickets $30–$45 in advance at the Michigan League Ticket Office & annarborsummerfestival.org, and (if available) at the door. To charge by phone, call 764–2538. 994–5999.*

1st Saturday Contra: Ann Arbor Community of Traditional Music and Dance. Martha Vander Kolk calls to music by the Scalar Scalawags. Preceded by a free open jam for string and other musicians (4–6 p.m.) and a **"4th of July Potluck"** (6 p.m.; bring a dish to pass and/or food to grill). *8 p.m., Pittsfield Grange, 3337 Ann Arbor–Saline Rd. (½ mile south of I-94). $9 (members, $8; students, $5). 769–1052.*

"A Picasso": Performance Network Professional Season. See 2 Thursday. 3 & 8 p.m.

"Wake": Purple Rose Theatre Company. See 1 Wednesday. 3 & 8 p.m.

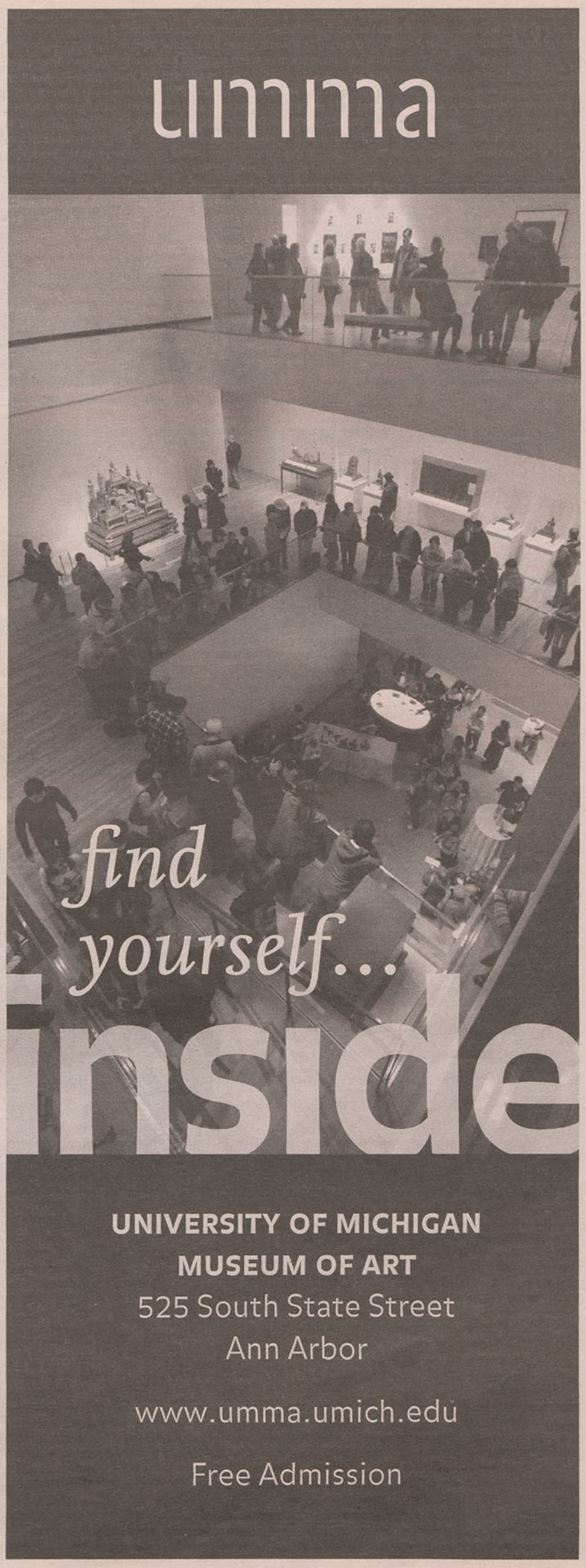
Nick Anthony: Ann Arbor Comedy Showcase. See 3 Friday. 8 & 10:30 p.m.

"Fireworks on the Floor": U-M Argentine Tango Club. *July 4–6 (different locations).* Tango dance parties with recorded music spun by a DJ. Preceded by tango workshops. *9 p.m.–1:30 a.m., Mind, Body, & Spirit Academe, 1785 W. Stadium. $10 (students, $5). umich.edu/~umtango.*

5 SUNDAY

★**"A2Sunday Runners": Two Dogs Running.** *Every Sun.* All invited to join informal runs of 5–7 miles along various scenic routes. *8:30 a.m., meet at Sweetwaters, Kerrytown. Free. 657–0214.*

★**Sunday Rides: Ann Arbor Bicycle Touring Society.** *Every Sun.* Today: **"AABTS Members OHR,"** a chance to check out one of the routes in the club's annual One Helluva Ride (see July 11 listing), including 100-mile (764–7555), 76-mile (476–4944), 63-mile (663–5060), and 39-mile (697–7394) routes. *Note:* The 100-mile ride departs at 8 a.m. Also this month: **"Post-OHR Democratic Ride"** (July 12), a ride whose pace and destination are determined by the assembled riders. **"Breakfast in Milan Ride"** (July 19), a slow-paced 35-mile ride to Milan for breakfast. **"Adrian Mural Ride"** (July 26), a fast-paced 90-mile ride to Adrian for brunch, along with a chance to view 4 Mexican-flavored murals on the route home. *9*



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★**Ultimate Frisbee: H.A.C. Ultimate.** *Every Sun.* All invited to a very relaxed pickup game of this spirited team sport. *Note:* Overly competitive players are politely asked to leave. *10:30 a.m., Mitchell Field, south side of Fuller Rd. just west of Bonisteel. Free. 846–9418.*

★**First Singles: First Presbyterian Church.** *Every Sun.* A weekly program open to all single adults interested in contemporary Christian topics, new ideas, personal growth, and social and physical activities. Today: group conversation. Also this month: potluck and planning session (July 12), Dee Valvanis discusses **"The Life of Lillian Carter"** (July 19), and group conversation (July 26). *11 a.m., First Presbyterian Church Curtis Room, 1432 Washtenaw. Free. 662–4466, ext. 43.*

"Super Science Shows": Ann Arbor Hands-On Museum. *Every Sat. & Sun., except July 4.* Museum staff give family-friendly science demos. On July 11 & 12, a "Sciencepalooza" with activities **"All about Ancient Cultures."** *1 & 3 p.m. (July 5, 18, 19, 25, & 26), 10 a.m.–4 p.m. (July 11), noon–4 p.m. (July 12), and 1 & 3 p.m. (the rest of July), Hands-On Museum, 220 E. Ann. $8 regular admission (members & infants, free). 995–5439.*

★**"The New UMMA": U-M Museum of Art.** *Every Sat. & Sun., except July 4.* Docent-led tours of the recently renovated museum. *2 p.m., UMMA, 525 S. State. Free. 764–0395.*

"A Picasso": Performance Network Professional Season. See 2 Thursday. 2 p.m.

"Wake": Purple Rose Theatre Company. See 1 Wednesday. 2 p.m.

★**Ultimate Frisbee: Ann Arbor Ultimate.** *Every Sun. (tentatively).* All invited to join a pickup game of this spirited team sport. Overly aggressive players are politely asked to leave. *3 p.m., Mitchell Field, south side of Fuller Rd. just west of Bonisteel. Free. info@a2ultimate.org.*

"The Continuing and Ongoing Adventures of Susie the Time-Traveling Sea Slug": Dreamland Theater. *July 5, 12, & 19.* The Dreamland Puppet Troupe presents a kids puppet show about a sea slug and her rabbit friend who meet a 1920s cartoon character on their time-traveling adventures. *3:30 p.m., Dreamland Theater, 26 N. Washington, Ypsilanti. $5 (kids age 3 & under, free). 657–2337.*

★**"The Climbing Kiln of Woolman Lane": Yourist Studio Gallery.** Screening of this documentary about building a 6-chamber, 60-ft. classic Japanese folk kiln in California. *4 p.m., Yourist Studio Gallery, 1133 Broadway. Free. 662–4914.*

★**"Top of the Park": Ann Arbor Summer Festival.** See 1 Wednesday. Tonight: **George Bedard & the Kingpins** (7:30 p.m.), a popular local honky-tonk band that plays blues, rockabilly, swing, and roots music. Opening act is **Madcat & Kane** (5 p.m.), a nationally acclaimed local duo of world-class harmonica wizard Peter Madcat Ruth and ace fingerstyle blues guitarist Shari Kane. The music is followed at 10 p.m. by ***The Sound of Music,*** Robert Wise's perennially popular 1965 film adaptation of the Rodgers & Hammerstein musical, set in Austria on the eve of WW II, about the Von Trapp family's singing governess. Julie Andrews. Attendees are encouraged to dress in costumes inspired by the film and participate in the preshow **contest & parade.** 5 p.m.

★**"Walk Around Argo Pond."** *Riverwalks Ann Arbor* author **Brenda Bentley** leads a historical walking tour around Argo Pond to learn about its 1st dam and millrace, its former ice industry, the construction of the man-made island near the beach, and more. *6 p.m., meet at the canoe livery, 1055 Longshore Dr. (north off Moore from Broadway at Maiden Lane). Free. 945–9804.*

★**Ann Arbor Morris Dancers.** *Every Sun.* All invited to try this boisterous, jingly English ceremonial dance based on the 15th-century Spanish *moresca.* Wear athletic shoes. *6–8 p.m., Gretchen's House barn, 1580 Dhu Varren Rd. Free. 747–8138.*

"Fireworks on the Floor": U-M Argentine Tango Club. See 4 Saturday. Today: an outdoor tango dance party preceded at 4 p.m. by a BBQ ($5). *6–9:30 p.m., Gallup Park, 3000 Fuller Rd. (west side of Huron Pkwy.).*

U-M Ballroom Dancers. *Every Sun.* Ballroom dancing to recorded music, including fox-trots, waltzes, cha-chas, rumbas, tangos, swing, and more. No partner necessary. Preceded at 7 p.m. by beginning lessons and practice. *8–10 p.m., Michigan Union Pendleton Room (July 5), Michigan Union Ballroom (July 12 & 26), & Michigan League Ballroom (July 19). $3. 763–6984.*

6 MONDAY

★**Monday Club: Ann Arbor Salvation Army.** *Every Mon.* Drop-in social group for seniors age 55 &

festivals

Michigan Brewers Guild Summer Beer Festival

The perfect Raspberry Blonde

The Michigan Brewers Guild annual Summer Beer Festival is held just down the street from my house, in Depot Town's Riverside Park. The place is packed with students, Ypsi Hippies, and well-groomed Ann Arbor poser types who would never ordinarily set foot out here. Fine by me.

My friend Jennifer and I are given our rationed twelve tokens and head off to the three beer tents. There are thirty-five breweries here serving 250 different beers, so it's pretty overwhelming.

Each brewery has its area set up with signs and kegs and staffed by servers and owners. The beer is doled out in little three-ounce cups. We get our first sample of beer from a Traverse City brewery and head to an outdoor table.

While we drink the beer, my friend Lucas joins us. He and Jennifer try schooling me, using words like "hoppy" and "wheaty"—and "porter," which also happens to be Lucas's dog's name. I try to understand, really; but even though I'm forty-three years old, the only way my brain can describe beer is "gross" or "yummy." It's an impairment I'm prepared to live with.

The next glass comes from a brewpub I pick because no one's waiting in line. Two young servers from Woodward Avenue Brewers are listening to an old freedom rock song from the 70s and wearing giant Elton John–style sunglasses. Their Raspberry Blonde is perfect.

By now I know to ask for "fruity" beers and am surprised to find an even more delicious one at Motor City Brewing Works. It's 100 percent yummy without a trace of yucky. It's called Summer Brew, is served with an orange slice, and tastes like sunshine.

When I come back for another and announce to the kid behind the minibar how much I love it, he looks very pleased. "He's the *Brewmeister,*" one of the other guys says, which seems impossible because he looks like he's twelve.

Actually he's twenty-one. "My neighbor is the owner's sister," he tells me, "and I would go over to their house and they would be drinking beer in their garage. Everybody else I knew drank Budweiser, Labatt's. But the stuff they were drinking had all different kinds of colors; dark or light or red. I was fascinated. Now I'm the Brewmeister."

It's raining now, and Laith Al-Saadi's band is playing. They launch into Elmore James's "The Sky is Crying." We scurry under a tree as the rain turns to a tremendous downpour. Everyone is running for cover, except a big guy in a red football jersey. He's doing an improv dance performance in front of the band shell, cartwheeling theatrically and covering a lot of ground. When the song ends, he bows before the band, and everyone cheers. As I lift my glass to my face, I see what looks like a fish in it. The cheers drown out my scream of horror.

Jennifer wipes the rain from her face and pulls out the "fish" to show me. It's a leaf, fallen from the tree.

The Brewers Guild festival returns to Depot Town on Friday and Saturday, July 24 and 25.

—Charmie Gholson

over. Every meeting includes a speaker, word game, craft, or activity. Also, **Bible study** and **chair exercises.** Followed by lunch (bring a bag lunch) and socializing. *10 a.m.–noon, Salvation Army, 100 Arbana. Free. 668–8353.*

★**"Playgroups for Babies": Ann Arbor District Library.** *Every Mon.* Play group for kids up to 24 months, accompanied by an adult. No older siblings. *Note:* Play days are also offered at the Malletts Creek (Tues., 10–11 a.m., & Thurs., 6:30–7:30 p.m.), Pittsfield (Wed., 11 a.m.–noon), and Traverwood (Fri., 10:30–11:30) branches. *10:30–11:30 a.m., AADL, 343 S. Fifth Ave. Free. 327–8301 (main library), 327–4200 (branches).*

Duplicate Bridge: Ann Arbor Senior Center. *Every Mon.* All seniors age 55 & over invited to play. Bring a partner. Also, at 1 p.m., **mah-jongg** (free). *12:30–3:30 p.m., Ann Arbor Senior Center, 1320 Baldwin. $1. 769–5911.*

★**Writing Group: U-M Turner Senior Resource Center.** *Every Mon.* All seniors invited to read and discuss the poetry, essays, reminiscences, and fiction they have written. *1–3 p.m., Turner, 2401 Plymouth Rd. Free. 998–9353.*

★**"PokeMonday Tournament": Ann Arbor District Library.** *Every Mon. (different branch locations).* All kids in grades K–5 invited to bring a Nintendo DS and a copy of Pokemon Diamond or Pearl to compete for prizes in a tournament. Other AADL gaming tournaments at the downtown library this month: **Rock Revolution Rock Band** and **Dance Dance Revolution** *(July 17, 6–9 p.m.)* for all ages,

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★**"The Call in the Darkness: The Economic Crises and the New American Dream": Interfaith Council for Peace and Justice.** All invited to join a discussion. Followed by a potluck. Bring a dish to pass. *6 p.m., Wesley Foundation in the First United Methodist Church building, 602 E. Huron. Free. Reservations requested. 663–1870.*

★**"Aikido": Ann Arbor District Library.** Aikido instructor Keiko Cauley discusses the history and introduces the basic movements and techniques of this martial art. For kids in grades 4–12. *6:30–8 p.m., AADL Traverwood Branch, 3333 Traverwood at Huron Pkwy. Free. 327–4200.*

"A Course in Miracles": Interfaith Center for Spiritual Growth. *Every Mon.* All invited to read from and discuss this popular Foundation for Inner Peace metaphysical book. Also, local social worker Lorraine Coburn leads a **study group** on the book, every Thurs., noon–1:30 p.m. *6:45–8:45 p.m., Interfaith Center for Spiritual Growth, 704 Airport Blvd. Donation. 327–0270.*

★**"The Civilized Ride": Ann Arbor Bicycle Touring Society.** *Every Mon.* Slow-paced ride, 12–18 miles, to Dexter, with a possible stop for ice cream. Other Mon. rides: **"Back Roads Ramble"** *(9 a.m., meet at 960 Forest Rd. off Country Club Dr., Barton Hills, 663–5060),* a slow-paced ride, 12–35 miles, along dirt and gravel roads to Independence Lake and other low-traffic destinations. **"Paved Roads Country Roads Ride"** *(5 p.m., meet at Royster Clark, 885 Parker Rd. at Pine Cross Lane just south of Jackson Rd., 426–5116),* fast-, moderate-, and slow-paced training rides, 18–24 miles, along country roads west of town. *7 p.m. sharp, Wellington Park, Alice at Bruce St. (off Arborview from Miller). Free. 213–2908.*

★**"Volleyball in the Park": Ann Arbor Ski Club.** *Every Mon. through Sept. 28.* All adults age 21 & over invited to join a volleyball game. All skill levels welcome. *7 p.m.–dark, Burns Park (just east of the picnic pavilion), corner of Wells & Baldwin. Free. 973–2136.*

★**Evening Herb Study Group.** Club member Madolyn Kaminski leads a tour of the herb garden at U-M Matthaei Botanical Gardens. *7 p.m., Matthaei, 1800 N. Dixboro Rd. Free. 663–8303.*

16th Annual "Summer Sings": University Musical Society Choral Union. *July 6, 20, & 27 (different programs & locations).* All singers welcome to join this venerable local chorus and guest conductors for read-throughs of favorite choral works. Participants practice the more difficult parts of each night's piece and, after a break, sing it in its entirety, with regional professionals singing the solos. No auditions required; music provided. Tonight: Choral Union director Jerry Blackstone conducts **Brahms' *A German Requiem.*** Refreshments. *7–9:30 p.m., U-M Walgreen Drama Center Stamps Auditorium, 1226 Murfin, North Campus. $5 at the door only. Registration begins at 6:30 p.m. 763–8997.*

★**"The Tempest": Ann Arbor District Library.** Director John Neville-Andrews and actors TBA preview their upcoming production of Shakespeare's visionary romance for the **Michigan Shakespeare Festival** in Jackson. Also, the actors perform scenes from the play, emphasizing moods and emotions suggested by the audience. *7–8:30 p.m., AADL multipurpose room (lower level), 343 S. Fifth Ave. Free. 327–4555.*

Tartan & Thistle Scottish Country Dancers. *Every Mon.* Instruction in a wide range of traditional and contemporary Scottish dances, followed by social dancing. Soft-sole shoes recommended. Refreshments. *7:30–9:30 p.m., location TBA. $5. 769–1052, 425–0241.*

Pub Quiz: Conor O'Neill's Irish Pub. *Every Mon.* Local high school English teacher Geoff Cost throws out questions for anyone to answer at this popular weekly trivia fest. Prizes. *8:30–11:30 p.m., Conor O'Neill's, 318 S. Main. $5 team fee. 665–2968.*

"Fireworks on the Floor": U-M Argentine Tango Club. See 4 Saturday. Today: a tango dance party with recorded music spun by a DJ. *9:15–11:30 p.m., Pittsfield Grange, 3337 Ann Arbor–Saline Rd. (½ mile south of I-94).*

7 TUESDAY

★**Social Bridge: Ann Arbor Senior Center.** *Every Tues. & Wed.* All seniors age 50 & over invited to play bridge. No partner required. Also, Tues. at 10 a.m., **Scrabble.** *9:30 a.m.–noon (Tues.) & 12:45–4 p.m. (Wed.), Ann Arbor Senior Center, 1320 Baldwin. Free. 769–5911.*

★**Jewish Older Adults: Jewish Community Center.** *Every Tues.* Activities begin at 11 a.m. with **"Energy Exercise"** ($4), a 60-minute exercise program led by Maria Farquhar, followed at 1 p.m. by **mah-jongg, cards, board games,** and **quilting** and other craft projects. Also, at 1:30 p.m., **Yiddish Tish,** a Yiddish conversation group. Homemade buffet luncheon ($3) available at noon. All invited. *11 a.m.–3 p.m., JCC, 2935 Birch Hollow Dr. (off Stone School Rd. south of Packard). Free (except as noted). 971–0990.*

★**"Yo-Yo Wow!": Ann Arbor District Library.** Michigan yo-yo champion Chris Fraser introduces kids in grades 4–8 to basic yo-yo techniques and tricks. *2–3 p.m., AADL Pittsfield Branch, 2359 Oak Valley Dr. between Scio Church Rd. and Ann Arbor–Saline Rd. Free. 327–8301.*

★**"Two of a Kind": 826michigan.** Local children's writer **Jacqui Robbins** reads from her new children's book about a little girl who must choose between the popular kids and her best friend. Signing. *6 p.m., 826michigan, 115 E. Liberty. Free. 761–3463.*

★**"Quiet City Boston": Ann Arbor District Library.** Purple Rose Theatre artistic director Guy Sanville directs a concert reading of Michael Brian Ogden's dark comedy about a Mafia hit man looking to change his life—a play being considered for the 2010–2011 Purple Rose season. For mature audiences. Followed by discussion. *6–9 p.m., AADL multipurpose room (lower level), 343 S. Fifth Ave. Free. 327–8301.*

★**"Big Sky Ride": Ann Arbor Bicycle Touring Society.** *Every Tues.* Moderate-paced ride, 20–35 miles, along flat, relatively quiet picturesque roads south of Ann Arbor. Other Tues. ride: **"Huron River Ride"** *(6 p.m., meet at Forsythe Middle School, 1655 Newport, 662–0205, 761–6253),* a slow/moderate-paced ride, 18–40 miles, to Dexter and back. *6 p.m., meet at York Baptist Church, 1220 Stony Creek Rd. at Platt. Free. 971–5763. 424–2802.*

★**"Knit Happens": Ann Arbor Stitch 'n' Bitch.** *Every Tues.* All knitters invited to bring their current projects to work on and to swap knitting tips. *6:30–8:30 p.m., location TBA. Free. 945–3035.*

★**Common Thread Knitters Club.** *July 7 & 21.* All knitters invited to meet members of this local knitting group and exchange tips. *7 p.m., Arborland Borders, 3527 Washtenaw. Free. 677–6948.*

★**Ann Arbor Area Writers Group.** *Every Tues.* All local writers invited to bring samples of their writing to read and discuss. Observers welcome. *7–9 p.m., Arborland Borders, 3527 Washtenaw. Free. 665–8194.*

★**"Tips for Summer Fun": Washtenaw Whole Foods Market.** Talk by Whole Foods staffer Katie Shafer. Also this month: 30-minute **grilling demos** (July 11, noon–2:30 p.m., on the patio), local holistic health practitioner Cindy Klement on **"Good Sugars & Bad Sugars"** (July 20, 7 p.m.), **"Autism Grass Roots Lecture Tour"** (July 21, 7 p.m., on the mezzanine), and SolarYpsi representative Hans Steiner on **"Solar Cents"** (July 25, 1 p.m.). *7 p.m., Whole Foods Cooking & Lifestyles Classroom, 3135 Washtenaw. Free. Preregistration required. 975–4500.*

★**"Family Camp-In": Ann Arbor District Library.** An evening of sing-alongs, interactive storytelling, and craft activities with AADL librarians. For families with preschoolers through 5th graders. Bring a blanket. Refreshments. *7–8 p.m., AADL Traverwood Branch, 3333 Traverwood at Huron Pkwy. Free. 327–4200.*

English Country Dancing: Ann Arbor Community of Traditional Music and Dance. *Every Tues.* Historical and traditional English dancing. Today: Ray Bantle and others call to music by Martha Stokely and Brad Battey. Also this month: callers Bantle and Don Theyken with music by Childgrove (July 14), callers Bronwen Gates and Arlene Kindel with music by Childgrove (July 21), and callers Shirley Harden and Greg Meisner with music by Stokely, Betsy Foote, and Anne Ogren (July 28). All dances taught. No partner or experience needed. Bring flat, nonslip shoes (running shoes OK). First-timers are asked to arrive at 7 p.m. *7–9:30 p.m., Chapel Hill Condominium clubhouse, 3350 Green Rd. (park on Burbank Dr.) $7 (students, $4; children age 13 & under, free). 665–7704.*

★**Sweet Adelines County Connection.** *Every Tues.* All women invited to join the weekly rehearsals of this local 40-member barbershop harmony chorus. *7–10:30 p.m., UAW Local 898 Hall, 8975 Textile Rd. (west of Rawsonville Rd. off I-94), Ypsilanti. Free to visitors ($20 monthly dues for those who join). 480–8843.*

★**Huron Valley Harmonizers Chapter of SPEBSQSA.** *Every Tues.* All male singers invited to join the weekly rehearsals of this local barber-

shop harmony chorus. *7:30 p.m., Stony Creek United Methodist Church, 8635 Stony Creek Rd., Ypsilanti. Free to visitors ($130 annual dues for those who join). Newcomers should call in advance: Greg Humbel at 445–1925.*

"The Swift Path": Jewel Heart Buddhist Center. *Every Tues. through July 21.* Talks by **Gehlek Rimpoche,** an incarnate lama from Tibet who lives in Ann Arbor, or one of Gehlek's senior students. *7:30–9 p.m., Jewel Heart Center, 1129 Oak Valley Dr. (north of W. Ellsworth). $10 (students & seniors, $5). 994–3387.*

★**Spanish Readers Group: Nicola's Books.** All invited to join a discussion, in Spanish, of ***La Muerte y la Doncella,*** Chilean writer Ariel Dorfman's play about an ex-political prisoner who thinks her houseguest is the man who tortured her. *7:30 p.m., Nicola's, Westgate shopping center. Free. 662–0600.*

★**German Speakers' Round Table.** *Every Tues.* All German speakers invited for conversation. *8–10 p.m., Grizzly Peak Brewing Company, 120 W. Washington. Free admission. 453–2394.*

"Firefly Funnies": The Firefly Club. Showcase of top local stand-up comics, along with some improv comedy. *8–11 p.m., Firefly Club, 637 S. Main. $3. 665–9090.*

★**"Triple Double Trivia": The Arena.** *Every Tues.* All invited to try a wide-ranging trivia quiz for such prizes as T-shirts, hats, and gift certificates. Bonus points awarded for "stupid human tricks" like drinking beer upside down, dancing to Michael Jackson songs, or inserting an entire fist into your mouth. *10 p.m., The Arena, 203 E. Washington. Free. 222–9999.*

8 WEDNESDAY

★**"Eggcellent Engineering": Ann Arbor District Library.** All kids in grades 4–8 invited to engineer a device from recycled material to keep an egg safe from a big drop. *2–3 p.m., AADL multipurpose room (lower level), 343 S. Fifth Ave. Free. 327–8301.*

★**Ecosystem Restoration Workday: U-M Matthaei Botanical Gardens and Nichols Arboretum.** *July 8, 11, & 18.* All invited to help Matthaei staff members remove invasive plants and prepare new planting sites. Dress for outdoor work. Snacks and tools provided, or bring your own. *6–8 p.m. (July 8) & 9 a.m.–noon (July 11), meet at the Arb Reader Center, 1610 Washington Hts. 9 a.m.–noon, Matthaei (June 20), 1800 N. Dixboro Rd. Free. Registration requested. 647–8528.*

"Kids Treasure Hunt & Hike": U-M Matthaei Botanical Gardens and Nichols Arboretum. *July 8 & 11.* All families invited for a guided hike through Nichols Arboretum (July 8) and Matthaei Botanical Gardens (July 11) to look for interesting plants and animals. Followed by crafts. *6–8 p.m., meet at the Arb Reader Center (July 8), 1610 Washington Hts. & 10 a.m.–noon, Matthaei (July 11), 1800 N. Dixboro Rd. $2 (craft materials included). 647–7600.*

★**"Southeast Ann Arbor Sustainability Safari": Wild Ones/Ann Arbor District Library.** Club members lead a 1.5-mile walking tour of several environmental initiatives in town, including the Buhr Park Children's Wet Meadow, the permeable paving and rain gardens of Easy Street, the AADL Malletts Creek Branch, and Mary Beth Doyle Park. Children welcome. *6:45–8:45 p.m., meet at Buhr Park, 2781 Packard. Free. 662–9997, 327–4200.*

★**"Overcoming Obesity and Winning Health": Ann Arbor District Library.** Panel discussion with U-M physicians and Pete Thomas, who won the $100,000 grand prize in 2005 on the NBC reality show *The Biggest Loser* by losing 185 pounds in 9 months. *7–8:30 p.m., AADL multipurpose room (lower level), 343 S. Fifth Ave. Free. 327–4555.*

★**"The Willow Run Bomber Plant and the Greatest Generation": Ann Arbor District Library.** Talk by Yankee Air Museum president Dick Stewart. *7–8:30 p.m., AADL Pittsfield Branch, 2359 Oak Valley Dr. between Scio Church Rd. and Ann Arbor–Saline Rd. Free. 327–4200.*

★**Fiction Readers Group: Barnes & Noble.** All invited to join a discussion of Virginia Woolf's classic modernist novel ***To the Lighthouse.*** Refreshments. *7 p.m., Barnes & Noble, 3235 Washtenaw. Free. 973–1618.*

★**History Readers Group: Motte & Bailey, Booksellers.** Retired U-M Judaic studies research scientist Judith Elkin leads a discussion of ***American Places: Encounters with History,*** a 2002 collection of essays by American historians on their personal experiences of historic places. *7:30 p.m., Motte & Bailey, 212 N. Fourth Ave. Free. 369–2499.*

★**"Music in the Park": Ann Arbor Civic Band Summer Concert Series.** See 1 Wednesday. Tonight: **children's concert** with music picked for kid appeal, including King's "Barnum & Bailey's Favorite," Bratton's "The Teddy Bears' Picnic," highlights from the *Shrek* and *The Incredibles* soundtracks, Sousa's "Sabre & Spurs," and more. The program concludes with the annual **Teddy Bear Grand March** (bring your bear). 8 p.m.

"Wake": Purple Rose Theatre Company. See 1 Wednesday. 3 & 8 p.m.

9 THURSDAY

"Breakfast Event Series": Washtenaw Economic Club. Panel discussion by AnnArbor.com content director **Tony Dearing,** WLBY-AM radio host **Lucy Ann Lance,** Ann Arbor Observer editor **John Hilton,** Ann Arbor Chronicle publisher **Mary Morgan,** and *Ann Arbor Busines Review* editor **Paula Gardner.** Preceded at 7 a.m. by a breakfast buffet. *8 a.m., Kensington Court Hotel, 610 Hilton Blvd. (off S. State just past Briarwood). $30 (members, free). 480–1636.*

8th Annual Golf Classic: Neutral Zone. Four-person scramble with a shotgun start. Prizes for closest to the pin, longest drive, hole in one, and putting. Also, raffles and a silent auction. Breakfast and steak dinner included. No teammates needed. Proceeds benefit local teen center the Neutral Zone. *9 a.m., U-M Golf Course, 400 E. Stadium Blvd. (opposite Crisler Arena). $200 (team, $600). 214–9995.*

"Lunch & Learn": U-M Matthaei Botanical Gardens & Nichols Arboretum. *July 9, 16, 23, & 30.* MBGNA staff give talks and/or lead tours at Matthaei and the Arb. Bring a bag lunch. Today: David Michener discusses **"The Global Garden: Best Practices from Peer Gardens Around the Country."** Also this month: Bob Grese gives a **history of the Arb** (July 16), Adrienne O'Brien leads a **"Matthaei Bug Walk"** (July 23), and Judy Dluzen leads a tour of the Matthaei **food gardens** (July 30). *Noon–1 p.m., Matthaei (July 9, 23, & 30), 1800 N. Dixboro Rd. and the Arb Reader Center (July 16), 1610 Washington Hts. $3 (July 9) & free (July 16, 23, & 30). 647–7600.*

★**"Dinosaur Hunting with PaleoJoe": Ann Arbor District Library.** Midland paleontologist Joseph "PaleoJoe" Kchodl, author of the children's book *Hidden Dinosaurs* and coauthor of the Dinosaur Detective Club series, talks about dinosaurs for kids in grades K–5. *1–2 p.m., AADL Pittsfield Branch, 2359 Oak Valley Dr. between Scio Church Rd. and Ann Arbor–Saline Rd., & 7–8 p.m., AADL multipurpose room, 343 S. Fifth Ave. Free. 327–8301.*

57th Annual Summer Carnival: Ann Arbor Jaycees. *July 9–12.* Carnival games, adult & kid rides, a wing eating contest, and a petting farm. Food concessions. *4–11 p.m., Pioneer High School parking lot, 601 W. Stadium at S. Main. Free admission. 913–9629.*

"5K Summer Fun Runs": Concordia University. *July 9, 16, & 23.* All runners invited to race on the Concordia University campus. *7 p.m., Concordia University, west of the gymnasium, 4090 Geddes Rd. $5 (kids age 13 & under, $3); registration at 6:30 p.m. 502–4809.*

"Wheats, Wits, and Lambics": Arbor Brewing Company Beer Tasting. A chance to sample and learn about a wide range of wheat beers from full-flavored American wheats to sour Belgian lambics. Also, a drawing for beer-related prizes. Admission includes unlimited beer sampling and a German appetizer buffet. *7–9 p.m., Arbor Brewing Company, 114 E. Washington. Tickets $25 in advance and (if available) at the door. 213–1393.*

★**History of Books & Printing Reading Group: Motte & Bailey, Booksellers.** All invited to join a discussion of ***Printing Presses,*** James Moran's 1973 history of the printing press from the 15th century to modern times. Refreshments. *7:30–9 p.m., Motte & Bailey, 212 N. Fourth Ave. Free. 669–0451.*

★**Hillary Will: Ann Arbor District Library/Main Street Area Association.** This renowned professional drag racer, named one of the world's top 10 female racers by *Sports Illustrated,* discusses her career. In conjunction with the Rolling Sculpture Car Show (see 10 Friday listing). *6:30–8:30 p.m., AADL 4th-floor meeting room, 343 S. Fifth Ave. Free. 327–4555.*

"A Picasso": Performance Network Professional Season. See 2 Thursday. 8 p.m.

"Wake": Purple Rose Theatre Company. See 1 Wednesday. 8 p.m.

10 FRIDAY

★**"Summer Berry Desserts": Cranbrook Whole Foods Market.** Lecture-demo by a Whole Foods staffer. Other talks this month include **"Summer Skin Care"** (July 14, noon), **"Summer Cooking"** (July 16 & 30, 6 p.m.), **"Basics of Composting"** (July 21, 1 p.m.), and **"ABCs of Seafood"** (July 23, 5:30 p.m.). *11 a.m., Whole Foods, 990 W. Eisenhower Pkwy., Cranbrook Village shopping center. Free. Preregistration required. 997–7507.*

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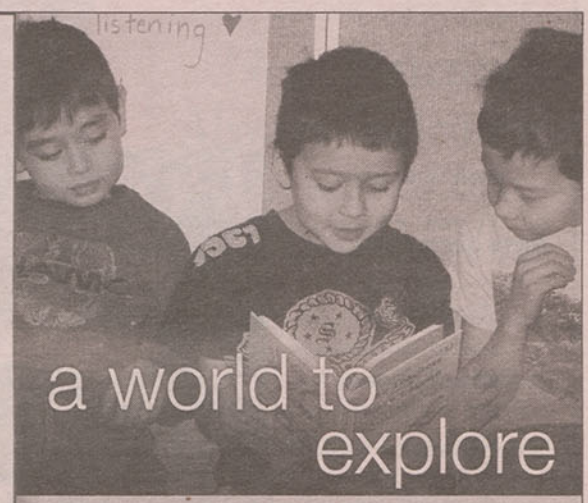

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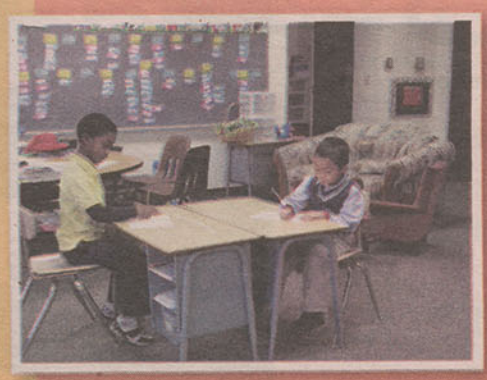

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★"15th Annual Rolling Sculpture Car Show": Main Street Area Association/Bill Crispin Chevrolet. Local car owners are invited to bring their antique, classic, concept, or unusual autos to this annual show of more than 400 cars in the Main Street area. This year's highlight is a 1969 "funny car" Camaro once owned by car racer Mike Burkhart. Also, educational and race car demos. *2–10 p.m., Main St. between Huron & William. Free. Car registration, $15 in advance ($20, day of show). 663–1032 or 668–7112, ext. 22.*

10th Annual Elvisfest: Ypsilanti Depot Town Association. *July 10 & 11.* Thousands annually celebrate the memory of the Man from Memphis at this festival highlighted by performances by 10 professional Elvis tribute artists from around the nation, including Ontario singer **Stephen Kabakos,** English singer **Mario Kombou,** 12-year-old female singer **Demi Downing,** and others. They are backed by the Change of Habit Tribute Band. Also, Elton John, Tom Jones, and Ricky Nelson imitators. Sale of Elvis memorabilia, raffles, door prizes, concessions, and a beer tent. Bring folding chairs. Saturday only: a gospel hour (2–3 p.m.), a candlelight vigil (time TBA, BYOC) that commemorates the 32nd anniversary of Elvis's death on Aug. 16, and kids activities (noon–6 p.m.), including face painting, clowns, stilt walkers, a costume contest, and more. *5 p.m.–midnight (July 10) & noon–midnight (July 11), Riverside Park near Depot Town, Ypsilanti. Tickets $10 (July 10) & $15 (July 11) in advance; $15 (July 10) & $20 (July 11) at the gate. Kids age 12 & younger, free. 483–4444, 544–3800.*

Ballroom Dance Party: Arts in Motion Dance Studio. Dancing to recorded waltzes, fox-trots, and Latin dance music. Lessons given throughout the night. *7–9 p.m., Arts in Motion, 2841 Boardwalk. $5. Reservations recommended. 222–6246.*

★"Walking for Fun, Exercise, and Cultural Edification": Ann Arbor District Library. Talk by Brenda Ellen Bentley, author of the recently published *Riverwalks Ann Arbor.* Signing. *7–8:30 p.m., AADL multipurpose room (lower level), 343 S. Fifth Ave. Free. 327–4555.*

"Playing Around": Ann Arbor Civic Theatre. *July 10, 11, 17, & 18.* Civic Theatre actors perform 2 plays from the theater's annual playwriting contest. Tonight and tomorrow: Janie Deegan directs Savannah Hagen's ***Great In-Expectations,*** a drama about a middle-aged man who has a few weeks left to live. *July 17 & 18:* Mark Batell directs Michael Kramer's ***Not Then, Not Now,*** a drama about a middle-aged theater manager who endangers his marriage when he looks up his old high school girlfriend. *8 p.m., AACT Studio, 322 W. Ann. Tickets $10 & $15 in advance and at the door. 971–2228.*

"Wake": Purple Rose Theatre Company. See 1 Wednesday. 8 p.m.

"A Picasso": Performance Network Professional Season. See 2 Thursday. 8 p.m.

Dan Levy: Ann Arbor Comedy Showcase. *July 10 & 11.* Best known from his role in the 2007 romantic comedy *My Sexiest Year,* Levy is a young New England comic who specializes in hip observational humor about popular culture and everyday life. Preceded by 2 opening acts. Alcohol is served; all Fri. & Sat. early shows are nonsmoking. *8 p.m., 314 E. Liberty (below Seva restaurant). $12 reserved seating in advance, $14 general admission at the door. 996–9080.*

★Angell Hall Observatory Open House: U-M Student Astronomical Society. All invited to peer through the telescopes in the observatory and on the Angell Hall roof and to view shows in the planetarium. Also, short astronomy presentations by club members. *10 p.m.–midnight, 5th floor rooftop observatory, Angell Hall (from the large State St. entrance, take one of the elevators on the left). Free. 764–3440.*

11 SATURDAY

33rd Annual "One Helluva Ride": Ann Arbor Bicycle Touring Society. More than 1,000 bicyclists are expected to participate in this ride sanctioned by the League of American Wheelmen. Includes routes of 39, 54, 63, 76, and 100 miles over paved roads and a 34-mile dirt-road ride. The 76-mile and 100-mile routes take riders through the hamlet of Hell. Also, 15- and 30-mile fun rides (8 a.m.–noon) start at Portage Lake State Park. Buffet lunch stop at Portage Lake State Park and fruit and beverage stops along the route are free to participants. Postride entertainment and watermelon. All riders receive multicolored embroidered patches. *Riders may leave the starting point anytime between 6:45 and 10 a.m., Chelsea Fairgrounds, corner of old US-12 and old Manchester Rd., Chelsea. Entry fees: $20 (children age 16 & under, $12) in advance and $30 (children age 16 & under, $12) day of ride (if spaces still available). Online registration at aabts.org. 904–6431.*

★Volunteer Stewardship Workday: Ann Arbor Natural Area Preservation Division. *July 11, 18, & 26.* All invited to help city staff maintain the natural

galleries

New exhibits this month:

Ann Arbor District Library, 343 S. Fifth Avenue. 327–4510. *7th Annual Teen Graffiti Art Contest* (July 21–Aug. 30). Mon. 10 a.m.–9 p.m., Tues.–Fri. 9 a.m.–9 p.m., Sat. 9 a.m.–6 p.m., Sun. noon–6 p.m.

EMU Ford Gallery, Ford Hall, E. Cross between Welch Hall and Boone Hall, Ypsilanti. 487–1268. *Graphic Design by Lilith Shane* (July 13–17) and *Drawings by Kimmi Dukes* (July 20–24). Mon. & Thurs. 10 a.m.–5 p.m., Tues. & Wed. 10 a.m.–7 p.m., Fri. & Sat. 10 a.m.–2 p.m.

First Unitarian Universalist Congregation, 4001 Ann Arbor–Saline Road. 665–6158. *Photographs by Paula Christensen* (July 1–31). Mon.–Fri. 9 a.m.–5 p.m.

Gallery Project, 215 S. Fourth Ave. 997–7012. *Shrines and Altars* (July 8–Aug. 16). Reception July 10, 6–9 p.m. Tues.–Sat. noon–9 p.m., Sun. noon–4 p.m.

Jewish Community Center Amster Gallery, 2935 Birch Hollow. 971–0990. *The Story of Aliya Bet and Michael* (through July 31). Mon.–Thurs. 9 a.m.–9 p.m., Fri. 9 a.m.–6 p.m.

Kerrytown Concert House, 415 N. Fourth Ave. 769–2999. *Explorations in Design and Color: Paintings by Terry Titus* (July 3–Aug. 31). Reception July 9, 5–7 p.m. Mon.–Fri. 11 a.m.–2 p.m.

Riverside Arts Center, 76 N. Huron, Ypsilanti. 480–2787. *Meanings Not Included: Prints & Drawings by Joe Bergman* (July 2–Aug. 1). Thurs.–Sat. 3–9 p.m., Sun. 1:30–4 p.m.

U-M Clements Library, 909 South University. 764–2347. *1759: Britain's Year of Victories* (through Oct. 9). Mon.–Fri. 1–4:45 p.m.

U-M Museum of Art, 525 S. State. 763–8662. *UMMA Projects: Lisa Anne Auerbach* (July 11–Oct. 11). Tues., Wed., & Sat. 10 a.m.–5 p.m.; Thurs. & Fri. 10 a.m.–10 p.m.; Sun. noon–5 p.m.

U-M Slusser Gallery (U-M School of Art & Design), 2000 Bonisteel. 936–2082. *U-M School of Art & Design 3rd Annual Alumni Show* (July 10–Aug. 8). Reception July 17, 6–8:30 p.m. Mon.–Fri. 9 a.m.–5 p.m.

Terry Titus's "Bird Magic" is on display at Kerrytown Concert House July 3–Aug. 31.

WSG Gallery, 306 S. Main. 761–2287. *Watercolors by Marlee Hoffman* (through Aug. 2). Reception June 26, 7–10 p.m. Tues. & Wed. noon–6 p.m., Thurs.–Sat. noon–10 p.m., Sun. noon–5 p.m.

Yourist Studio Gallery, 1133 Broadway. 662–4914. *Functional Ceramics by Kay Yourist* (July 1–31). Tues. noon–6 p.m.; Wed., Thurs., & Sat. 10 a.m.–6 p.m.; Sun. 4–8 p.m.

Ypsilanti Historical Museum, 220 N. Huron, Ypsilanti. *The Lost Ypsilanti: Henry Ford's Influence on the Ypsilanti Area* (July 19–Sept. 7). Tues.–Sun. 2–5 p.m. 482–4990.

For a complete listing of local galleries, see the 2008–2009 Ann Arbor Observer City Guide or arborweb.com.

areas in various city parks. Also, staffers lead a short nature walk at the end of each workday. Minors must be accompanied by an adult or obtain a release form in advance. Today: **Furstenberg Nature Area Native Plant Garden** *(9 a.m.–noon, meet in the parking lot off Fuller Rd. across from Huron High),* where local master gardener Aunita Erskine leads a walk through the garden to spruce it up and learn about what's in it, and **Barton Nature Area** *(9 a.m.–noon, Barton Dam Parking lot, Huron River Dr. from Bird Rd. via Newport Rd.)* to identify native plants and weed the prairie area. Also this month: **Cranbrook Nature Area** *(July 18, 9 a.m.–noon, meet in the Church of Christ parking lot, 2530 S. Main)* to clear trails and spread woodchips, **Lakewood Nature Area** *(July 18, 1–4 p.m., Lakewood Elementary School parking lot off Gralake, 3 blocks south of Jackson)* to water newly planted native plants and clear the park entrance, and **Onder Nature Area** *(July 26, 1–4 p.m., meet at Hilldale and Brookside off Pontiac Trail north of Barton Dr.)* to establish and maintain trails in this new city park. *Various times & locations. Free. 996–3266.*

13th Annual Saline Celtic Festival: City of Saline. Saline's celebration of its sister city, Brecon, Wales. The day starts with competitive **Highland dance** (9:30 a.m.) and the **North American Full-Contact Jousting Championship** (noon). *Children's events:* a "Wee Folks" area with games, crafts, music, and a **kids' parade** (4 p.m.). *Musical events:* 3 different stages feature Celtic song and dance. This year's headliner is **Tartanic** (3:30, 6:30, & 8:30 p.m.), a kilt-clad Houston band that plays pop, rock, and traditional Celtic tunes on Highland bagpipes and drums. Also, many other local and visiting Celtic music bands, pipe and drum bands, and dance ensembles, plus local favorites the **Chelsea House Orchestra** and Saline's **Fiddlers ReStrung.** *Other features:* a Viking encampment, historical reenactment troupes, jousting by knights in full armor, demonstrations by the local chapter of the Society for Creative Anachronism, a birds of prey demo, and a display of shaggy Highland cattle and Celtic canines. Food tents, beer tents, clan tents, sale of imported and handmade crafts, and a **parade** from Liberty School to Mill Pond Park at 10 a.m. No pets. *Related Celtic Week events:* **charity whisky tasting** (July 8, 6:30 p.m. Mac's Acadian Seafood Shack), **rugby matches** (July 9, 5:30, 6:30, & 7:30 p.m., Saline Middle School), and **"Pub in the Park"** (July 10, 7:30 p.m., Mill Pond Park). *9:30 a.m.–midnight, Mill Pond Park, end of W. Bennett St., west of Ann Arbor St., Saline. Tickets $12 in advance at the Celtic office & Saline City Hall (both at 100 N. Harris) and other locations TBA, $15 at the gate. Children 12 & under with adult admitted free. 944–2810.*

★"All about Butterflies": Washtenaw County Parks and Recreation Commission. WCPARC naturalist Faye Stoner gives a brief talk on butterflies, followed by a chance to see some up close. WCPARC also sponsors 2 hikes this month: **"Summer Hike along the Huron"** *(July 12, 10 a.m.–noon, Zeeb Rd. at the Huron River just south of Huron River Dr.)* and **"Crossing the Moat: Wetland Botany around Lake Genevieve"** *(July 26, 2–4 p.m., Park Lyndon South).* Wear shoes that can get wet. *10 a.m.–noon, Park Lyndon North, North Territorial Rd. (east of M-52), Lyndon Twp. Free. 971–6337, ext. 334.*

★2009 Michigan Atlatl Championship: Michigan Atlatl Association. *Atlatl* is the Aztec word for the Neolithic spear thrower, a weapon that predates the bow and arrow by millennia. Today, atlatlists from around the country compete in men's, women's, and children's divisions. *Noon–4 p.m. (registration begins at 11 a.m. for competitors), Chelsea Rod & Gun Club, 7103 Lingane Rd. (south off Waterloo Rd., west of Chelsea). Free (competitors, $10). (810) 231–2314.*

★Carnival: Tree Town Toys. *July 11 & 12.* All invited for carnival games with prizes, face painting, balloon animals, and more. Popcorn. *Noon–5 p.m., Tree Town Toys, Traver Village, 2611 Plymouth Rd. Free. 929–6545.*

57th Annual Summer Carnival: Ann Arbor Jaycees. See 9 Thursday. 1–11 p.m.

★In Good Company African American Book Club: Nicola's Books. All invited to join a discussion of ***Only You,*** Francis Ray's romance novel about a smart, stubborn young woman who reluctantly falls for a billionaire who "wins" her at an auction. *4 p.m., Nicola's, Westgate shopping center. Free. 662–0600.*

★Eric Stone: Aunt Agatha's. This L.A. mystery writer presents a PowerPoint program on Shanghai, his experience as a journalist there, and his new book ***Shanghaied,*** the 4th in his series about an expat American journalist and detective living in China's biggest city. Signing. *7 p.m., Aunt Agatha's, 213 S. Fourth Ave. Free. 769–1114.*

★Lady Sunshine & the X Band: Downtown Home & Garden. Dancing to this local gospel-flavored blues band led by Lady Sunshine, a fiery, rich-voiced singer whose style is something of a cross between Aretha Franklin, Koko Taylor, and Denise LaSalle. *8–10 p.m., Downtown Home & Garden, 210 S. Ashley. Free. 662–8122.*

"Return": Nightfire. This local troupe presents an environmental dance theater work with mythic overtones that features choreographed segments and improvisations involving call and response between dancers, accompanied by live music, narrative, and poetry. The 10 adult and children dancers are accompanied by percussionists Alex Terzian and Kevin Coppock. Followed by open dancing. *8 p.m., Island Park, 1450 Island Dr. off Maiden Lane. Donation. 996–1772.*

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12 SUNDAY

Waterloo Triathlon/Duathlon: Elite Endeavors. All invited to compete in a triathlon (half-mile swim, 16-mile bike race, and 5-mile run) or duathlon (16-mile bike race sandwiched between 2- and 5-mile runs). Awards. Partial proceeds benefit the Chelsea High track and cross country teams. *8 a.m., Portage Lake Beach, List Rd. at Seymour Rd., west off Mount Hope Rd. north from I-94 exit 150, Waterloo Recreation Area, Chelsea. Entry fees: $68 by June 28, $78 afterwards. $10 discount for USA Triathlon members. Entry forms available at eliteendeavors.com. Vehicle entrance fee: $6. (419) 829–2398.*

"29th Annual Gallup Gallop": Ann Arbor Track Club. A 5-km run and 3-mile fitness walk around Gallup Park and a 1-mile run along the Gallup Park bike path. Medal to overall male and female winners of each race, and awards to top 3 finishers in the 5-km run in various age divisions. T-shirts (guaranteed for advance registrants only). *8:30 a.m. (mile run) & 9 a.m. (3-mile walk & 5 km run), Gallup Park canoe*

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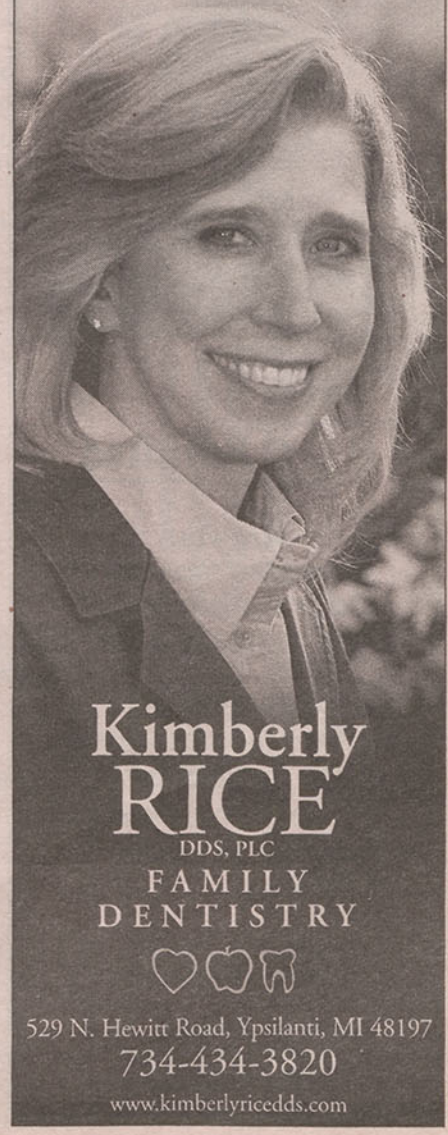

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★"River Swim": Huron River Watershed Council. All age 16 & older invited to join Michigan long-distance swimmer **Liz Elling** for a 1-mile swim across Baseline Lake and back. Refreshments. *9 a.m. (registration begins at 8:30 a.m.), Baseline Lake, 8010 Strawberry Lake Rd., left from Mast off North Territorial. Free. Preregistration and proof of age required. 769–5123, ext. 19.*

★Artisan Demos: The Sunday Artisan Market. Book illustration by Jorie Jenkins, book making by Linda Lock, copper foiling of stained glass by Tina Novath, and jewelry making by Lil Snyder. *11 a.m.–4 p.m., Farmers' Market. Free. 913–9622.*

★29th Annual Huron River Day: Ann Arbor Parks & Recreation. This popular annual festival features lots of **family-oriented nature activities,** including educational exhibits on the Huron River and its history, the Huron-Clinton Metropark traveling nature center, displays of live river animals, storytelling and other activities for kids, fishing, a show of classic small boats, music by WCC jazz bands, and more. Barbecue available from Smoke House Blues. $5 canoe and kayak rentals. *Noon–4 p.m., Gallup Park, 3000 Fuller Rd. (both sides of Huron Pkwy.). Free admission. 662–9319, 997–1719.*

57th Annual Summer Carnival: Ann Arbor Jaycees. See 9 Thursday. Noon–6 p.m.

★"Townie Fair Teen Topper": Ann Arbor District Library. Modati Clothing staff are on hand to help teens in grades 6–12 make a wacky topper hat (or several) for the July 13 Townie Street Party. *1–3 p.m., AADL multipurpose room (lower level), 343 S. Fifth Ave. Free. 327–4555.*

★"Chesstastic!": Ann Arbor District Library. All kids and adults invited to play chess. Sets provided. *1–4 p.m., AADL Traverwood Branch, 3333 Traverwood at Huron Pkwy. Free. 327–4200.*

"Preserving Traditions": Pittsfield Union Grange. All invited to make a cherry pie from scratch. *2–4:30 p.m., Pittsfield Grange, 3337 Ann Arbor–Saline Rd. (½ mile south of I-94). $5 (Grange members, free). Reservations required at cherrypie.sign-up-sheet.com. 997–8844.*

★"What Happens When Women Wake Up?": Crazy Wisdom Bookstore & Tea Room. Local psychotherapist Patricia Fero discusses her new book. Signing. *2 p.m., Crazy Wisdom, 114 S. Main. Free. 665–2757.*

"A Picasso": Performance Network Professional Season. See 2 Thursday. 2 p.m.

"Wake": Purple Rose Theatre Company. See 1 Wednesday. 2 p.m.

★"Francisco Goya: 'Los Caprichos'": U-M Museum of Art. UMMA Western art curator Carole McNamara discusses the current exhibit of Goya's influential set of satiric etchings of 1790s Spanish society. *3 p.m., UMMA, 525 S. State. Free. 764–0395.*

"The Continuing and Ongoing Adventures of Susie the Time-Traveling Sea Slug": Dreamland Theater. See 5 Sunday. 3:30 p.m.

★Rainbow Book Club. All invited to discuss Joel Derfner's memoir ***Swish: My Quest to Become the Gayest Person Ever.*** *4:30–6 p.m., WRAP office, 325 Braun Ct. Free. 763–4168.*

★"Booked for Murder" Mystery Book Club: Nicola's Books. All invited to discuss ***The Suspicions of Mr. Whicher,*** Kate Summerscale's true crime story about an 1860 Scotland Yard detective who investigates the murder of a 3-year-old. *4:30 p.m., Nicola's, Westgate shopping center. Free. 769–2149.*

13 MONDAY

★American Girl Club: Barnes & Noble. All girls ages 8–13 invited for craft activities inspired by the stories of the newest American Girl character, Rebecca Rubin, who lives in New York City in 1914. Also, drawing for a Rebecca Rubin doll. Bring your American Girl dolls, if you like. *11 a.m., Barnes & Noble, 3245 Washtenaw. Free. Reservations required. 973–1618.*

★5th Annual Townie Street Party: Ann Arbor Street Art Fair/The Ark. Dance party with **Bill Kirchen & the Hammer of the Honky-Tonk Gods,** a Washington, D. C., ensemble led by Ann Arbor native (and former Commander Cody guitarist) Kirchen that plays a versatile mix of hard-core honky-tonk, rockabilly, acoustic swing, and countrypolitan balladry. They are joined tonight by local guitar wizard **George Bedard.** Opening acts are Third Coast Kings, a local funk band, and **Mike Smith & the Cadillac Cowboys,** a veteran local country band led by singer-guitarist Smith. Also, a **kids art fair,** with some 40 local kids ages 6–14 showing and selling their art under a big tent, and a "townie hall" featuring information about the organizations that help support the fair.

The party also features kids activities, a showcase of local arts organizations, and sale of food, ice cream, beer, and souvenir T-shirts and cups. Prize drawings. *5–9:30 p.m., under tents on North University in front of Hill Auditorium and around the Ingalls Mall fountain. Free. 994–5260.*

★Stephanie Laurens: Nicola's Books. This best-selling historical romance novelist reads from ***Mastered by Love,*** her new novel about a rich leader of a secret English military operation who would rather marry the aloof mistress of his castle than any of the young debutantes he is encouraged to wed. Signing. *7 p.m., Nicola's, Westgate shopping center. Free. 662–0600.*

14 TUESDAY

★Fantasy and Science Fiction/Theory Reading Group: U-M English Department. All age 21 & over invited to discuss ***The Invention of Morel,*** Adolfo Bioy Casares' 1940 novella about a scientific genius who makes a machine that records reality and loops the same week over and over again. *7–9 p.m., 3154 Angell Hall. Free. 764–2553.*

★Sierra Club Book Club: Nicola's Books. All invited to discuss ***American Buffalo: In Search of a Lost Icon,*** Steve Rinella's memoir about his experiences as one of 24 winners of a lottery permit to hunt buffalo in Alaska. *7:15 p.m., Nicola's, Westgate shopping center. Free. 971–1157.*

★"Hybridizing Roses": Huron Valley Rose Society. Talk by a rose gardener TBA. *7:30 p.m., U-M Matthaei Botanical Gardens, 1800 N. Dixboro Rd. Free. 277–0112.*

Annual Summer Lecture Series: Zen Buddhist Temple. *July 14, 21, & 28.* A series of 3 lectures by different members of the local Zen Buddhist Temple. Today: Lenny Bass, Carolyn Christopher, Jim Gilligan, and Eric Popp discuss **"A Buddhist Approach to Hard Times."** Also, Nicole Bishop, Joslyn DeVinney, and Debra Moss discuss **"Women and Buddhism"** (July 21), and Jack Dilley and Daniel Goldstein discuss **"Buddhism and Therapy"** (July 28). *7:30 p.m., Zen Buddhist Temple, 1214 Packard at Wells. Donation. 761–6520.*

15 WEDNESDAY

"Art in the Park": Briarwood. *July 15–18.* An art show with 20 Michigan artists. Concessions. *9 a.m.–9 p.m. (July 15–17) & 9 a.m.–6 p.m. (July 18), Briarwood, in the parking lot on the south side of Sears. Free admission. 769–9610.*

★The Ann Arbor Art Fairs. *July 15–18. See the Art Fair section, p. 21.* Our perennial tent city within a city houses 1,000 artists, from Michigan and around the nation, in 4 separate fairs. For art fair entertainment schedules, see daily listings. *10 a.m.–9 p.m. (July 15–17) & 10 a.m.–6 p.m. (July 18). Free admission. (800) 888–9487.*

★Book Club: Ann Arbor Senior Center. All seniors age 50 & over invited to join Lucia Skoman to discuss a book TBA at a2gov.org/senior. *10:45 a.m.–noon, Ann Arbor Senior Center, 1320 Baldwin. Free. 769–5911.*

★Art Fair Entertainment. *July 15–18.* Live music and other performances on four stages. Also, the Michigan Theater sponsors daily organ concerts at 1:30 p.m. Today:

Ingalls Mall. Clogging by the **Cottonwood Cloggers** (11 a.m.). Burton Tower **carillon concert** (noon). Celtic music by **Daughters of New Grass** (1 p.m.). Latin and swing dancing by the **EMU Ballroom Dancers** (2 p.m.). Standard and contemporary jazz by the **EMU Jazz Combo** (3 p.m.). Celtic, Appalachian, Cajun, Scandinavian, and bluegrass by singer-banjoist-dobro player **Laurel Premo** (4 p.m.). **Chris Genteel** (5 p.m.), a local singer-songwriter whose music blends rock, jazz, and hip-hop. Classical and folk music by local indie pop-folk singer-songwriter **Charlene Kaye** (6 p.m.). **Branch Out Collective** (7 p.m.), the combination of local hip-hop duo Celsius Electronis and local hip-hop collective Tree City. Soul, afrobeat, and jazz by **Yo!Soul** (8 p.m.), the stage name of My Dear Disco keyboardist Joey Dosik.

Liberty at Ashley. Soul, pop, & blues by Detroit singer-songwriter **Pato** (12:30–1:30 p.m.). Acoustic pop-rock by Detroit singer-songwriter **Brien Patrick** (2–3 p.m.). Local futuristic retro rock trio **The Ultrasounds** (5–6 p.m.). Techno music spun by **DJ Seoul** and **T. Linder** (8–9 p.m.).

U-M Museum of Art. Old-time jug band **The Raisin Pickers** (1–3 p.m.).

Willard at Church. Local and area artists from the *Homegrown* show on Ann Arbor's 107one. The indie-folk band **Nathan K** (3–3:45 p.m.), the local indie folk-rock trio **Note to Self** (4–5 p.m.), the immensely popular local jam band the **Macpodz** (5:15–6:15 p.m.), the Lansing singer-songwriter duo **Nervous But Excited** (6:30–7:30 p.m.), and the inventive local country-rock band **The Ragbirds** (8–9 p.m.).

★Cupcake Baking & Decorating: Washtenaw Whole Foods Kids Club. All kids invited to bake and decorate gluten-, nut-, and dairy-free cupcakes. *3–4 p.m., Whole Foods, 3135 Washtenaw. Free. Preregistration required. 975–4500.*

★Free Concert Series: First Congregational Church. *July 15–17.* Evening concerts by local musicians. Tonight: Pianist **Kevin Bylsma** accompanies soprano **Christine Miller** in works TBA. *7 p.m., First Congregational Church, 608 E. William. Free. 662–4466.*

★Culinary History Reading Group: Motte & Bailey, Booksellers. All invited to join a discussion of ***Curry: A Tale of Cooks & Conquerors,*** Lizzie Collingham's history of Indian cuisine. *7:30–9 p.m., Motte & Bailey, 212 N. Fourth Ave. Free. 669–0451.*

★"Music in the Park": Ann Arbor Civic Band Summer Concert Series. See 1 Wednesday. Tonight: **"Kings,"** a program featuring Andrew Lloyd Weber and Benny Goodman medleys, music from *The King and I,* Karl King's "Trombone King," Sousa's "King Cotton" and "El Capitan," and more. 8 p.m.

"Wake": Purple Rose Theatre Company. See 1 Wednesday. 3 & 8 p.m.

16 THURSDAY

★Art Fair Entertainment. See 15 Wednesday. Today:

Ingalls Mall. Burton Tower **carillon concert** (noon). Dance and music performances by **WCC students** (1–3 p.m.). **"Mind Tapped"** (3 p.m.), local magician and mentalist George Tait's show that blends psychology, mind reading, artful suggestion, trickiness, and humor. Chicago indie roots-rock band **Fair Herald** (4 p.m.). Local jazz guitarist **Tomek Miernowski** (5 p.m.). Veteran Detroit pop-punk singer-songwriter **Carolyn Striho** (6 p.m.). Local saxophone quintet the **Bobby Streng Saxemble** (7 p.m.). Soul & blues by the local **NoteWorthy Band** (8 p.m.).

Liberty at Ashley. Detroit classic country, honky-tonk, and retro rock band **Whitey Morgan & the 78s** (12:30–1:30 p.m.). Local psychedelic, afrobeat, and rock band **Rubblebucket Orchestra** (2–3 p.m.). Upbeat rock by Detroit-bred singer-songwriter **Jimmy Atto** (3:30–4:30 p.m.).

U-M Museum of Art. Early jazz standards and Hot Club-style gypsy jazz by the **Royal Garden Trio** (1–3 p.m.).

Willard at Church. Wistful, witty roots-pop trio **Bridge Club** (3–3:45 p.m.), the Midland pop-folk singer-songwriter **Brett Mitchell** (4–5 p.m.), veteran local singer-songwriter **Khalid Hanifi** (5:20–6:20 p.m.), the Detroit rockabilly quartet **Billy Mack & the Juke Joint Johnnies** (6:40–7:40 p.m.), and the popular local honky-tonk band **George Bedard & the Kingpins** (8–9 p.m.).

★Game Afternoon: Tree Town Toys. All invited to play Munchkin, Carcassonne, Settlers of Catan, and other board games. *3 p.m., Tree Town Toys, Traver Village, 2611 Plymouth Rd. Free. 929–6545.*

56th Annual Manchester Chicken Broil. About 12,000 chickens are cooked over nearly 5 tons of charcoal in four 100-foot-long broiling pits. Dinner includes half a chicken, dinner roll, homemade coleslaw, crispy radishes, potato chips, and a beverage. Ice cream and pop available. Also, an antique car show and live entertainment, including classic and southern rock and country by **Sweetwater Jack,** barbershop harmonies by a **Sweet Adelines** quartet, and dancing by the **Cottonwood Cloggers.** Wagon ride shuttle from Manchester Middle School, 710 E. Main. Proceeds fund programs for local civic projects. *4–8 p.m., Alumni Memorial Field (Vernon & Wolverine), Manchester. $8 in advance at the Ann Arbor Area Convention and Visitors Bureau (120 W. Huron) and other locations; $9 at the gate. 428–7722.*

★Ann Arbor Society for Origami. All children & adults invited to learn about and try origami, the Japanese art of paper folding. *7–9:30 p.m., Great Oak Cohousing Common House, 500 Little Lake Dr. (off Parkland from Jackson between Wagner & Zeeb). Free. 975–4669.*

"Summer Wine Tasting Series 'On the Patio'": Vinology. *July 16 & 30 and Aug. 13.* Vinology staffers lead tastings of 6–8 wines and 3 appetizers. *7–9 p.m., Vinology, 110 S. Main. $35. Reservations required. 222–9841.*

★Free Concert Series: First Congregational Church. See 15 Wednesday. Tonight: the **Arbor Opera Theater** performs some of its favorite arias and duets. 7 p.m.

"Hooray for Hollywood!": Saline Varsity Blues 25th Anniversary Concert. Pat Douglas directs this chorus of 118 young singers in a program of songs from Hollywood blockbusters. *7:30 p.m., Saline High School Ellen Ewing Performing Arts Center,*

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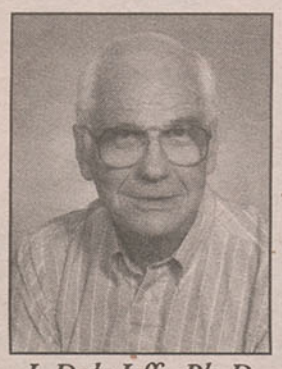

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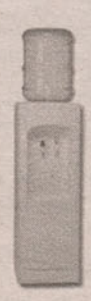

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16th Annual Art Fair Song Fest: Ann Arbor Festival of Song. *July 16 & 17.* Pianist **Kevin Bylsma** accompanies various local singers in performances of classical art songs and cabaret songs. Singers include **Emily Benner, Timothy Bruno, Elizabeth Call, Sean Cooper, Julie Cross, Sarah Flammer, Jennifer Goode, Nathanael Hein, Caroline Helton, Michael May, Marlayna Maynard, Diane McEwen-Martin, Katrin Murdock, Deanna Relyea, Dwight Scheetz, Allen Schrott, Daniel Schuetz, Monica Swartout-Bebow,** and Festival of Song codirector **Jane Rodgers**. Tonight: **"Faeries & Demons: Mendelssohn, Purcell, & Poe."** Also, free art song recitals, noon, July 16–18. *8 p.m., Kerrytown Concert House, 415 N. Fourth Ave. $10 (students, $5). Reservations recommended. 769–2999.*

"Wake": Purple Rose Theatre Company. See 1 Wednesday. 8 p.m.

17 FRIDAY

Men's City Tournament: Ann Arbor Parks Department. *July 17–19.* Three rounds of stroke play, with flights established after the first round. Open to all amateur male golfers. *7 a.m., Leslie Park Golf Course, 2120 Traver Rd. $150. Preregistration required by July 3. 794–6245.*

★7th Annual Teen Graffiti Contest: Ann Arbor District Library. Teens in grades 6–12 invited to spray paint a canvas. Judged by a panel of teens and adults. Materials supplied. Prizes. *11 a.m.–1 p.m., AADL staff parking lot, William St. just east of S. Fifth Ave. Free. 327–8301.*

★Art Fair Entertainment. See 15 Wednesday. Today:

Ingalls Mall. Classical chamber music by the **Emerson Summer Chamber Orchestra** (11 a.m.), a group of Ann Arbor middle and high school musicians. Burton Tower **carillon concert** (noon). A cappella jazz songs by the **First Friday Cocktails** (1 p.m.), an all-female vocal quartet. Middle Eastern dances by the **Unveiled Dance Company** (2 p.m.). Folk-rock by the local **Bob Skon Trio** (3 p.m.). Kalamazoo acoustic folk & roots music band **Who Hit John?** (4 p.m.). Minimalist pop by the local indie trio **Lightning Love!** (5 p.m.). Local rock band **The Dirty Birds** (6 p.m.). World music & jazz by the Okemos band **Thom Jayne & the Nomads** (7 p.m.). Funk and soul instrumentals by the local quintet **Third Coast Kings** (8 p.m.).

Liberty at Ashley. Classical and folk music by local indie pop-folk singer-songwriter **Charlene Kaye** (11:15 a.m.–noon). Acoustic experimental roots music by the local band **Dragon Wagon** (12:15–1 p.m.). Ottawa punk-metal quartet **Tokyo Sexwhale** (1:15–2 p.m.). Toledo funk and hip-hop jam band **Boogie Matrix Mechanism** (2:30–3:30 p.m.). Ypsilanti funk-rock trio **Looking for Mammoths** (4–5 p.m.). Immensely popular local jam band the **Macpodz** (5:30–6:30 p.m.). Muskegon rock, soul, and crunk trio **Four Finger Five** (6:30–7:30 p.m.). **Luke Winslow-King** (7:45–8:15 p.m.), a New Orleans-bred singer-songwriter and guitarist who lives in Cadillac. Chicago soul-pop band **The Right Now** (8:30–9:30 p.m.).

U-M Museum of Art. Folk-rock by local singer-songwriters **Annie & Rod Capps** (1–3 p.m.).

Willard at Church. Detroit pop, rock, & folk quartet **The Mean Reds** (3–3:45 p.m.), Motownesque soul music by **Jamie Register & the Glendales** (4–5 p.m.), the local experimental multimedia pop-soul funk band **The Sugar People** (5:15–6:15 p.m.), young Florida singer-songwriter-guitarist **Matt Hires** (6:30–7:30 p.m.), and young Canadian folk-rock singer-songwriter **Serena Ryder** (8–9 p.m.).

★Horse Show: Cobblestone Farms. *July 17–19.* United States Eventing Association–sanctioned horse trials. Today: young event horses. July 18: dressage (8:30 a.m.) and cross country (11 a.m.). July 19: jumping. *5 p.m. (July 17), 8:30 a.m.–5 p.m. (July 18), and 9 a.m.–3 p.m. (July 19), Cobblestone Farms, 6301 Gregory Rd. (east off Huron River Dr.), Dexter. Free. 369–2633.*

★"Summer Music Series": Saline Area Chamber of Commerce. *July 17, 24, & 31, and Aug. 14 & 21.* A series of outdoor concerts in downtown Saline. For a complete schedule, see salinechamber.com. *6:30–8 p.m., downtown Saline. Free. 429–4494.*

Summer Theater Camp Productions: Young Actors Guild. *July 17 & 18 (different programs).* Young local actors present 4 productions that culminate their summer theater camp. Tonight: senior students present a play TBA. *7 p.m., U-M Walgreen Drama Center Arthur Miller Theatre, 1226 Murfin, North Campus. Donation. 913–9800.*

★Free Concert Series: First Congregational Church. See 15 Wednesday. Tonight: jazz standards by the local ensemble **Fourth Wish.** 7 p.m.

mystery fiction

Harry Dolan

Ann Arbor gone bad

A month before the stylish new mystery novel *Bad Things Happen* was published, there was Internet chatter about the first sentence: "The shovel has to meet certain requirements." I feel the appropriate tingle there. It's the kind of hook that draws in even the occasional mystery reader like me. And very soon after, the body count starts to climb; there might be eight or nine of them at the end—I lost track.

If a local reader needs any more incentive to pick up the book, those bodies are scattered all over Ann Arbor. Our tree-studded college town starts to look dangerous! And that's kind of fun.

Ann Arborite Harry Dolan, a first-time novelist, has the landscape right. He does more than mention the right places—Palio, the Firefly Club, coffeehouses at Liberty and State. You could almost follow his directions to the little-known Marshall Park (one of my favorite bird-watching walks), where—yes!—that shovel gets used for the first time. Dolan also seems to have some of our attitudes down. His criminals are writers, or editors, or academics who once wanted to be writers, or real writers who aren't very good at the social games that seem so important in the writing world. Their hope for their writing—even if not the income they derive from it—is another recognizable Ann Arbor trait.

All of these writers collect around *Grey Streets,* a journal that publishes crime writing. The formula for publishing a story in that journal is simple: "Plans go wrong, bad things happen, people die." One of the lovely and wildly improbable turns in *Bad Things Happen* is that in twenty-first-century Ann Arbor, a whole group of people manage to make comfortable livings from a pulp journal and that they take the ambitions of publishing so seriously they would actually kill for a story line. It has the feel of something from the heyday of the great American noir detective novels. It is clearly part of the homage Harry Dolan pays to Chandler, Hammett, and the others who've influenced him.

More of that influence is felt in the clean, mostly unadorned prose that animates the book, and in the twists and turns of the plot that David Loogan, a mysterious and improbable "detective," tries to unravel. Conveniently, Loogan also appears to be a naturally gifted editor. But in *Bad Things Happen,* editing, too, is an occupation where you put your life on the line—particularly in the darkly ambitious version of Ann Arbor that Harry Dolan has created.

Dolan reads from his novel at Borders on Tuesday, July 28.

—Keith Taylor

★Ann Arbor Kirtan. All invited to join a group performance of this traditional devotional call-and-response music based on Hindu Vaishnava texts and the writings of poet-saints. Accompanied by live music based on rhythmic Indian ragas on bass guitar, tabla, and drums. *7:30–9:30 p.m., Friends Meetinghouse, 1420 Hill St. Free, but donations accepted. 761–7435.*

"KissME Lindy Exchange Weekend": Ann Arbor Community of Traditional Music and Dance/Swing Ann Arbor. *July 17–19 (different locations).* Swing dancing to live and recorded music spread out over two days. Tonight: Swing dancing to live music by area Benny Goodman tribute band the **Dave Bennett Quartet.** Followed at 12:30 a.m. by late-night swing dancing ($10; students & AACTMAD members, $9) at First Unitarian Universalist Church, 4001 Ann Arbor–Saline Rd. *8 p.m.–midnight, Michigan League Ballroom. $20 (students & AACTMAD members, $18). 417–9857.*

Super Happy Funtime Burlesque: Dreamland Theater. This 13-member Grand Rapids burlesque company presents its raucous mix of stripteases, music, fire spinning, glass walking, performance art, comedy, and song-and-dance numbers. *8 p.m., Dreamland Theater, 26 N. Washington, Ypsilanti. $10. 657–2337.*

16th Annual Art Fair Song Fest: Ann Arbor Festival of Song. See 16 Thursday. Tonight: **"MISCAST! Songs We've Never Been Asked to Sing, Thank You Very Much,"** a program of cabaret songs. 8 p.m.

"Playing Around": Ann Arbor Civic Theatre. See 10 Friday. 8 p.m.

"Wake": Purple Rose Theatre Company. See 1 Wednesday. 8 p.m.

Singles Dance: Parents Without Partners. All singles invited for an evening of dancing and socializing. With live music by the local rock cover band Sparx. Cash bar. Smoking allowed in designated areas. Preceded at 8 p.m. by free dance lessons. *9 p.m.–1 a.m., Grotto Club, 2070 W. Stadium. $8 (PWP members, $6). 973–1933.*

18 SATURDAY

Ann Arbor Antiques Market. *July 18 & 19.* One of the nation's largest monthly antiques shows, and some say the best. No reproductions are allowed, experts check every booth, and the items' authenticity is guaranteed. Deliveries available. Concessions. No pets. *8 a.m.–4 p.m. (July 18) & 9 a.m.–4 p.m. (July 19), Washtenaw Farm Council Grounds, 5055 Ann Arbor–Saline Rd., Saline. $6 (children age 12 & under accompanied by an adult, free). (937) 875–0808 (before the show), 429–3145 (day of show).*

★"Great Lakes Orchid Judging": American Orchid Society. All invited to view flowering orchids. Awards are given to growers of new and superior orchids and orchid hybrids. *10 a.m.–5 p.m., U-M Matthaei Botanical Gardens, 1800 N. Dixboro Rd. Free. 647–7600.*

Summer Theater Camp Productions: Young Actors Guild. See 17 Friday. Today: ***Follow Your Dreams*** (10 a.m.), a show of improvisation, movement, & acrobatics by 3rd–6th graders. ***Hamlet*** (noon), Shakespeare's richly poetic tragedy about the tormented prince of Denmark. Middle school students present ***The Odyssey*** (3 p.m.), Gregory Falls and Kurt Beattie's adaptation of the Homeric epic about Odysseus's journey home from the Trojan War. 10 a.m.

★"Fancy Nancy Tea Party": Barnes & Noble. All young girls from preschoolers through 6th-graders invited to dress up in their fanciest outfits for a program of Jane O'Connor's Fancy Nancy stories, fancy crafts, and Fancy Bingo. *11 a.m., Barnes & Noble, 3235 Washtenaw. Free. 973–1618.*

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★**Art Fair Entertainment.** See 15 Wednesday. Today:

Ingalls Mall. Jazz by students from the **Ann Arbor School for the Performing Arts** (11 a.m.). Acoustic pop-rock by Detroit singer-songwriter **Frankie D'Angelo** (noon). Veteran local country band **Mike Smith & the Cadillac Cowboys** (1 p.m.). Frank Pahl's avant-folk (on toy instruments) trio **Little Bang Theory** (2 p.m.). Brazilian martial art dancing by **Capoeira Mandinga Michigan** (3 p.m.). Acoustic pop-folk band **Anna Ash & the Family Tree** (4 p.m.). Kalamazoo neo-Klezmer band the **Red Sea Pedestrians** (5 p.m.).

Liberty at Ashley. Toledo blues and jazz singer-songwriter-guitarist **Jason Quick** (11 a.m-noon). Local singer-songwriter **Jennifer Jean Smith** (12:30–1:30 p.m.). Local tiki-flavored surf rock lounge quartet **Sounds of the Czars** (2–3 p.m.). Local pop-rock quartet **The Setup** (3:30–4:30 p.m.).

U-M Museum of Art. Pop standards spanning 7 decades by the local duo **Christine & Jon** (1–3 p.m.).

Willard at Church. The young local roots music trio **Black Train** (noon–1 p.m.), the local acoustic roots music string band **Wayward Roots** (1:15–2:15 p.m.), the veteran local reggae and calypso band **Nite Flight** (2:30–3:30 p.m.), and the local garage dance band **Ypsitucky Colonels** (3:45–5 p.m.).

★**30th Annual Festival at St. Joseph Church.** *July 18 & 19 (different programs).* Games, a moonwalk and other kids activities, and live music. Concessions. Raffle. Today: the **"Amazing World of Tortoises"** demos (noon–6 p.m.), Celtic music by **Daughters of New Grass** (noon–2 p.m.), **Colors the Clown's** petting zoo and magic show (noon–2 p.m.), storytelling and sing-alongs by the acoustic duo **Gemini** (2–4 p.m.), Elvis tribute artist **Chris Solano** (4–5 p.m.), the **Dexter Academy of Dance & Music** (5–6 p.m.), and the Ann Arbor R&B band **Men in Black** (7–10:30 p.m.). Festivities kick off July 17 (time TBA) with a concert by the high-energy vocal quartet **Three Men and a Tenor** ($20; kids & seniors, $10). *Noon–10:30 p.m., St. Joseph Catholic Church, 3430 Dover, Dexter. Free admission. 426–8483.*

★**1st Annual Westgate Summer Festival.** Live music by local jazz guitarist **John Lawrence** and other musicians TBA. Also, kids activities, a wine & beer garden, and a sale of crafts. Food available from nearby restaurants, including the Quarter Bistro, Zingerman's Roadhouse, and others. *Noon–9 p.m., Westgate shopping center. Free admission. 663–9515.*

★**"Fresh Mozarella: Learn to Make Your Own!": Morgan & York.** *July 18 & 25.* Demonstration by a Morgan & York staffer. Preceded on July 25 at 2 p.m. by a talk on **"Wines of the Piedmont."** *3–4 p.m., Morgan & York, 1928 Packard. Free. 662–0798.*

★**"The Transformative Power of Tantric Art": Tsogyelgar Dharma Center.** Talk by Traktung Rinpoche and painter Rob Davis. Followed by a **tea drinking ritual** led by Tea Alchemy (CA) owner Jon Oda, an Indian dinner, and guided meditation. *5–8:30 p.m., Tsogyelgar Dharma Center, 7145 W. Liberty. Free. 663–3842.*

"Star Gazing on Argo Pond": Ann Arbor Parks & Recreation. All invited to paddle around Argo Pond guided by the stars. Star charts provided; bring a flashlight. *8–11 p.m., Argo Canoe Livery, 1055 Longshore Dr. (north off Moore from Broadway at Maiden Lane). $18 (includes canoe or kayak rental). 794–6241.*

3rd Saturday Contra Dance: Cobblestone Farm Dancers. Robin Warner and Peter Baker call to music by Paul Winder & Friends. No partner needed; all dances taught. Lesson at 7:30 p.m. Also, a free open jam for string and other musicians, 3–6 p.m. *8 p.m., Pittsfield Grange, 3337 Ann Arbor–Saline Rd. (½ mile south of I-94). $10. Dance: 426–0241. Open jam: 994–9307.*

"KissME Lindy Exchange Weekend": Ann Arbor Community of Traditional Music and Dance/Swing Ann Arbor. See 17 Friday. Tonight: Dancing to jazz and blues by highly regarded Michigan-born vocalist **Barbara Morrison.** Followed at 12:30 a.m. by late-night swing dancing ($10; students & AACTMAD members, $9) at First Unitarian Universalist Church, 4001 Ann Arbor–Saline Rd. *8 p.m.–midnight, Michigan League Ballroom. $25 (students & AACTMAD members, $20).*

"Playing Around": Ann Arbor Civic Theatre. See 10 Friday. 8 p.m.

"Wake": Purple Rose Theatre Company. See 1 Wednesday. 3 & 8 p.m.

★**Open House: University Lowbrow Astronomers.** *July 18 & 25.* A chance to join local astronomy buffs for a look at the sky through instruments, including the huge, 24-inch McMath telescope, at the Peach Mountain Observatory. Participants encouraged to bring their own telescopes. Visitors must turn off all electronic equipment (car radios, transmitters, phones, etc.) at the observatory entrance. Program canceled if sky is overcast at sunset or if the weather is extremely inclement. *9 p.m.–12:30 a.m. or as long as the sky remains clear, Peach Mountain Observatory, North Territorial Rd. (about 1 1/4 miles west of Hudson Mills Metropark), Dexter. Free. 332–9132.*

"Serious about Salsa" Latin Dance Party: danceRevolution Dance Studio. High-energy dance party with salsa, merengue, bachata, and cha-cha dancing to recorded music spun by a DJ. No partner necessary. *9 p.m.–1 a.m., danceRevolution, Dakota Bldg., 1785 W. Stadium. $5. 945–8428.*

"Girls Night \aut\ with Tracy Mack": Sh\aut\ Cabaret and Gallery. Performances by local blues-rock and folk-rock singer-songwriter Mack and another musician TBA. *9 p.m.–midnight, Sh\aut\, 325 Braun Ct. $5 admission. 663–0036.*

19 SUNDAY

Betty Ives: Greater Ann Arbor Quilt Guild. Talk by this award-winning Canadian quilter. Followed by a members show-and-tell. *9:45 a.m., WCC Morris Lawrence Bldg., 4800 E. Huron River Dr. $10 (members, free). 953–9650.*

★**"The Rookie Regatta": U-M Sailing Club.** All invited to watch club members who are new to sailing race each other in JY15 sailboats. *10 a.m., Baseline Lake, 8010 Strawberry Lake Rd., left from Mast off North Territorial. Free. 426–0920.*

"The Ann Arbor Record & CD Show": Wildwood Records. This popular fair is back at a new location with more than 50 dealers from a half dozen states selling rare and collectible used records and CDs as well as hard-to-find new releases. Also, rock music books, rock videos, posters, and assorted popular culture memorabilia. Food & beverages for sale. Patrons may bring in a small number of records to sell. *10 a.m.–4 p.m., Weber's Inn, 3050 Jackson Rd. $3 admission (children age 10 & under, free). (574) 329–1483.*

★**"Music in the Park": Herb David Guitar Studio.** See 1 Wednesday. Today: the 19-member **Dexter Classical Winds** ensemble. Noon.

★**30th Annual Festival at St. Joseph Church.** See 18 Saturday. Today: New Orleans–style brass music by the **Motor City Street Band** (noon–2 p.m.), **"Animal Magic"** by magician and animal rescuer Mark Rosenthal (1 & 3 p.m.), stilt walking by the **High Five Guy** (2–4 p.m.), and blues, rockabilly, swing, and roots music by the popular local honky-tonk band **George Bedard & the Kingpins** (3–6 p.m.). Noon–6 p.m.

"KissME Lindy Exchange Weekend": Ann Arbor Community of Traditional Music and Dance/Swing Ann Arbor. See 17 Friday. Today: Swing dancing to recorded music. *1–4 p.m., Dakota Bldg., 1785 W. Stadium. $10 (students & AACTMAD members, $9).*

"Wake": Purple Rose Theatre Company. See 1 Wednesday. 2 p.m.

"Dreaming a Place: Environmental Dance": Nightfire Dance Theater. Nightfire director Irena Nagler leads a session of environmental dancing in an outdoor setting, accompanied by music and other sound, visual art, and poetry. No experience necessary; children must be accompanied by an adult. Bring drinking water and whatever you need for protection from the elements. *3:30 p.m., Nichols Arboretum, meet at the Peony Garden entrance at 1610 Washington Hts. $5–$20 sliding scale. 996–1772.*

"The Continuing and Ongoing Adventures of Susie the Time-Traveling Sea Slug": Dreamland Theater. See 5 Sunday. 3:30 p.m.

20 MONDAY

★**Nonfiction Readers Group: Barnes & Noble.** All invited to join a discussion of Clotaire Rapaille's ***The Culture Code: An Ingenious Way to Understand Why People Around the World Live and Buy As They Do.*** Refreshments. *7 p.m., Barnes & Noble, 3235 Washtenaw. Free. 973–1618.*

★**"7 Mondays at 7" Carillon Concerts.** *Every Monday, July 20–Aug. 31.* Bring lawn chairs and a picnic to outdoor concerts at Burton Tower. Visitors can tour the tower after the concert. Tonight's performer: Chicago carillonist **Wylie Crawford.** *7 p.m., Burton Tower, Ingalls Mall. Free. 764–0594.*

16th Annual "Summer Sings": University Musical Society Choral Union. See 6 Monday. Tonight: Cleveland Orchestra Chorus director Robert Porco conducts the first part of **Handel's *Messiah*** as well as the "Hallelujah Chorus." 7 p.m., Hill Auditorium.

★**"The Stamps of Switzerland": Ann Arbor Stamp Club.** Slide-illustrated talk by U-M research scientist and longtime club member Harry Winter. *7:30 p.m., Salvation Army, 100 Arbana (park & enter at the rear of the building). Free admission. 761–5859.*

21 TUESDAY

"Simply Effortless Entertaining: Getting from Prep to Party in No Time!": American Business

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David Lindley has been one of popular music's durable session musicians, associated for a long time with ambitious rock songwriters like Jackson Browne and the late Warren Zevon. Along the way he began acquiring stringed instruments from around the world—he has said he actually doesn't know how many he owns—and began playing them in concert and on recording projects of his own. Last summer at the Ark he appeared solo, performing music from his most recent and all-acoustic album, *Big Twang*. The concert was a small gem, and Lindley's return to the Ark on Wednesday, July 29 (see Nightspots, p. 60) should bring more from the same vein.

He does several of Zevon's songs, including the enigmatic "Monkey Wash Donkey Rinse" and a terrific and newly timely number Zevon wrote with novelist Carl Hiaasen about a junk bond king on the run in south Florida playing Seminole bingo. In addition to instrumentals, Lindley contributes a few wry originals of his own. "Tuna Fish Blues" is a reversal of the old "Mercury Blues" into a lament about mercury poisoning anxiety ("not crazy 'bout the mercury"). And he performs intricate versions of traditional and classic pieces from both blues and country repertories, favoring songs with metaphysical content like "Jesus on the Main Line" and Blind Willie Johnson's "Soul of a Man."

The instruments Lindley employs over the course of his show, including (for starters) guitar, banjo, mandolin, zither, and bouzouki, are deployed in unique and often technically impressive treatments of each song. Zevon's "Beneath the Vast Indifference of Heaven" benefits immeasurably from Lindley's sonorous twelve-string guitar in place of Zevon's deadpan reading.

Lindley's originals borrow not only instruments but also musical structures from the eastern Mediterranean crescent. The Celtic classic "Women of Ireland" and Steve Earle's "Copperhead Road" get long Middle Eastern introductions. Jumping from the slide guitar that brings alive the Florida swamps in "Seminole Bingo" to an oud and trading licks among his instruments, Lindley seems to have independently hit on the submerged connections between the blues and the music of the Arab world that have fascinated specialists in recent years.

The musical language Lindley forges is flexible enough, like the blues itself, to encompass both spiritual ecstasy and a good deal of sly humor. On stage, still with long hair, he's a gnomic figure, one of the few rock 'n' rollers to have not only made it to late middle age gracefully but also gotten better as he's gone along. His show is guaranteed to be unlike anything you've heard before, and it should be required listening for any player of strings.

—James M. Manheim

Women's Association. Cooking demonstration by Pampered Chef consultant Carol Chatiny. Followed by socializing. *6 p.m., Big George's Home Appliance Mart, 2023 W. Stadium. $15 (includes food). Reservations required by July 15. 972–6390.*

★**"Music and Motion": Ann Arbor District Library.** Local early childhood educator Gari Stein, director of Music for Little Kids, and Ann Arbor Symphony Orchestra double bassist Erin Zurbuchen lead kids from babies through age 5 (accompanied by an adult) in a program that includes storytelling and dancing to live music. Participants also learn about the instruments. Accompanist is pianist Kathryn Goodson. *6:30–7 p.m., AADL multipurpose room (lower level), 343 S. Fifth Ave. Free. 327–8301.*

"Cornman Farms Heirloom Harvest Dinner": Zingerman's Roadhouse. Zingerman's Roadhouse chef Alex Young hosts a dinner showcasing heirloom vegetables from his multi-acre garden, including tomatoes, beans, possibly corn, and more. *7–10 p.m., Zingerman's Roadhouse, 2501 Jackson. $45. Reservations required. 663–3663.*

★**"Up from Ashes": Ann Arbor District Library.** Screening of this new documentary about the construction of the AADL Traverwood Branch, which was built from hundreds of ash trees that had been devastated by the emerald ash borer. Followed by a discussion led by the film's director, Bill Kubota. *7–8:30 p.m., AADL Traverwood Branch, 3333 Traverwood at Huron Pkwy. Free. 327–4200.*

★**"Threats to the Great Lakes: What We Can Do to Keep Them Great": Huron Valley Sierra Club.** Talk by club member Melissa Damaschke. Refreshments. *7:30 p.m., U-M Matthaei Botanical Gardens, 1800 N. Dixboro Rd. Free. 647–7600.*

22 WEDNESDAY

★**"Improv 101": Ann Arbor District Library.** All adults & teens in grade 6 & up invited to join Detroit-area experts to learn basic sketch comedy improv skills. Wear comfortable clothes. *11 a.m.–2 p.m., AADL Malletts Creek Branch, 3090 E. Eisenhower (between Stone School & Packard). Free. 327–8301.*

★**"Big Community Harvest Garden Tour": Growing Hope/Food Gatherers.** *July 22 & Aug. 1.* Self-guided tour of several gardens created to help low-income people grow their own food, including a Food Gatherers garden, a Growing Hope urban

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★**"Summer Harvest at Gaffield Children's Garden": U-M Matthaei Botanical Gardens.** *July 22 & 25.* All invited to walk through the gardens and sample fresh-picked fruits and vegetables. *6–8 p.m. (July 22) & 10 a.m.–noon (July 25), Matthaei, 1800 N. Dixboro Rd. Free. 647–7600.*

★**"Drummunity!"** Lori Fithian, a local drummer and drum teacher, leads a drum circle. Instruments provided, or bring your own. Kids welcome. Preceded at 6:45 p.m. by a brief drum lesson. *7–9 p.m., Crazy Wisdom Bookstore, 114 S. Main. Free. 426–7818.*

★**Ypsilanti-Ann Arbor Area Robotics Club.** All invited to meet robotics hobbyists and check out and discuss their current gadgets and toys. *7 p.m., A2 Mech Shop, 240 Parkland Plaza, 179 Little Lake Dr. (off eastbound Jackson between Wagner & Zeeb). Free. 332–1000.*

★**"Focusing on Pines": Ann Arbor Bonsai Society.** Club members Bill Heston and Paul Kulesa discuss and answer questions about pine tree bonsai. *7:30 p.m., U-M Matthaei Botanical Gardens, 1800 N. Dixboro Rd. Free. 747–6439.*

★**"Music in the Park": Ann Arbor Civic Band Summer Concert Series.** See 1 Wednesday. Tonight: **"Legends,"** a program of Hoagy Carmichael, Glen Miller, and Beatles medleys, along with music from *The Sound of Music* soundtrack, Sousa's "Freelance March" and "Stars and Stripes Forever," and more. 8 p.m.

"Wake": Purple Rose Theatre Company. See 1 Wednesday. 3 & 8 p.m.

23 THURSDAY

★**"Drumming Motion": Ann Arbor District Library.** Local percussionist Aron Kaufman presents **"Let's Ride the Rhythm Train,"** an exploration of creating rhythms using voices, movement, and instruments for kids in grades K–3, and **"Blast Off in Space: Exploring New Worlds in Rhythm,"** an introduction to unusual percussion meters for kids in grades 4–8. *10–10:45 a.m. (grades K–3) & 1–2 p.m. (grades 4–8), AADL Malletts Creek Branch, 3090 E. Eisenhower (between Stone School & Packard). Free. 327–8301.*

★**"Truck Stuck": Ann Arbor District Library.** Chicago writer **Sallie Wolf** reads from and answers questions about her new kids book about a red truck that gets stuck under a bridge. For kids ages 2–5. *2–2:45 p.m., AADL Pittsfield Branch, 2359 Oak Valley Dr. between Scio Church Rd. and Ann Arbor–Saline Rd. Free. 327–4200.*

★**"Treasures Rediscovered: Chinese Stone Sculpture": U-M Museum of Art.** UMMA Asian art research curator Natsu Oyobe discusses the current exhibit. *5 p.m., UMMA, 525 S. State. Free. 764–0395.*

★**"Claymation and Animation": Ann Arbor District Library.** *July 23 & 24 (different programs).* Clay animator Brad Pattullo, who has worked on *The PJs, Celebrity Deathmatch,* and other TV series, presents the audiovisual program **"The History of Stop-Motion Animation"** (July 23) for adults and teens in grade 6 & up and a hands-on introduction to **"Claymation Puppetry"** (July 24, preregistration required) for youth in grades 6–12. *7–8:30 p.m., AADL multipurpose room (lower level), 343 S. Fifth Ave. Free. 327–8301.*

★**"Herbal First Aid & Prevention for Your Pet": People's Food Co-op.** Talk by local holistic health practitioner Linda Diane Feldt. *7–8:30 p.m., Crazy Wisdom Bookstore & Tea Room, 114 S. Main. Free. Preregistration required. 994–4589.*

Rare Earth: Chelsea Retail Advisory Council. The 1st white band signed by Motown, this veteran Detroit rock 'n' soul band is best known for a string of early 70s hits that included "I Just Want to Celebrate," "Hey, Big Brother," and a cover of Smokey Robinson's "Get Ready." Opening act is **The Howling Diablos,** a veteran Detroit quintet led by vocalist Martin "Tino" Gross that plays wild-humored blues and rock 'n' roll. VIP tickets ($100) include a preshow reception at the Chelsea Gallery and River Gallery. *8 p.m., tent behind the Common Grill, 112 S. Main, Chelsea. Tickets $35 in advance at Zou Zou's, Cranesbill Books, New Chelsea Market, and chelseacenterforthearts.org; $40 at the door. 433–2787.*

"Wake": Purple Rose Theatre Company. See 1 Wednesday. 8 p.m.

"Comedy Jamm": Ann Arbor Comedy Showcase. See 2 Thursday. 8 p.m.

24 FRIDAY

★**36th Annual Chelsea SummerFest.** *July 24 & 25.* The festival features a **food and entertainment court** behind the Common Grill with live music TBA and food from several Chelsea restaurants and a **kid zone** in the Clock Tower courtyard. Also, a **classic car show** (July 24, 4–8 p.m.) and a **pet parade** (July 25, 10 a.m.) from Chelsea Farmers Supply to the Clock Tower courtyard via Jackson. Complete schedule at chelseafestivals.com. *10 a.m.–8 p.m., Main, Middle, & Park, downtown* **Chelsea.** *Free, except for the food and entertainment court, which is $5 (ages 13–20, $3; age 12 & under, free). No one under age 21 admitted to the food & entertainment court after 9 p.m. 475–1145.*

12th Annual Michigan Brewers Guild Summer Beer Festival. *July 24 & 25. See review, p. 45.* Around 3,000 people are expected at this festival that offers a chance to taste-test more than 200 Michigan-brewed beers, in a wide variety of styles. Live entertainment TBA. Beers, beer samples, food, and Brewers Guild merchandise available. *5–9 p.m. (July 24) & 1–6 p.m. (July 25), Depot Town, Ypsilanti. Tickets $25 (July 24) & $30 (July 25) in advance at michiganbrewersguild.org, $30 (July 24) & $35 (July 25) at the gate. The price of admission includes 12 beer sample vouchers. (517) 327–5004.*

★**Crazy Wisdom Reading Circle: Crazy Wisdom Bookstore & Tea Room.** All invited to discuss Sharon Astyk's book about the prospects of a post-peak oil world, ***Depletion and Abundance: Life on the New Home Front.*** *7–9:30 p.m., Crazy Wisdom, 114 S. Main. Free. 665–2757.*

★**"Wondrous Sound": Zen Buddhist Temple.** *July 24 & 25.* Staged reading of Ann Arborite Jill Halpern's new play about what happens when a group of unlikely bedfellows—a lesbian musician and dharma student, her feisty activist/scientist ex-lover, her ethnic Jewish mother, a conservative Christian Republican, and a black teen—find themselves together at a meditation retreat for which the priest fails to show. *7 p.m. Zen Buddhist Temple, 1214 Packard at Wells. Free. 761–6520.*

"Grease": Dexter Community Players. *July 24–26 & 31 and Aug. 1 & 2.* Jim Jacob and Warren Gasey's popular pop-rock musical about the rivalries and adventures of a group of urban high school students in the 1950s. The well-known score includes "Greased Lightnin'," "Born to Hand Jive," "Summer Nights," "We Go Together," and other 50s-style tunes. *Times TBA, Copeland Theater, 7714 Ann Arbor St., Dexter. Cost TBA. 424–4100, ext. 7327.*

"Hello, Dolly": Chelsea Area Players. *July 24–26.* Brian Myers directs local actors in Jerry Herman's long-running musical about a charismatic, opportunistic woman out to make a quick buck. Complications arise when she tries to play matchmaker to the wealthy Horace Vandergelder. The score includes such memorable songs as "Put on Your Sunday Clothes," "It Only Takes a Moment," and the title tune. Stars Mary Rumman and Gary Glover. *8 p.m., Chelsea High School Auditorium, 740 N. Freer (between Old US-12 and Washington St.), Chelsea. Tickets $15 in advance at chelseaareaplayers.org, and at the door. 247–2498.*

"Wake": Purple Rose Theatre Company. See 1 Wednesday. 8 p.m.

Bill Bushart: Ann Arbor Comedy Showcase. *July 24 & 25.* This Michigan native specializes in wild, raunchy, politically incorrect, often hilariously demented stories and one-liners about everyday life. Preceded by 2 opening acts. Alcohol is served; all Fri. & Sat. early shows are nonsmoking. *8 & 10:30 p.m., 314 E. Liberty (below Seva restaurant). $8 reserved seating in advance, $10 general admission at the door. 996–9080.*

★**"Astronomy Night": St. Thomas Lutheran Church.** All invited to join the University Lowbrow Astronomers for a look at the sky through their telescopes. *9:45–11:30 p.m., St. Thomas Lutheran Church, 10001 Ellsworth Rd. at Haab (west of Parker), Freedom Twp. Free. 663–7511.*

25 SATURDAY

★**Michigan Club Invitational Regatta: Ann Arbor Rowing Club.** All invited to watch rowing teams from across the state skim with amazing speed over the river in 1 km races. Bring a lawn chair or blanket and refreshments. *8 a.m.–4 p.m., Argo Pond, Bandemer Park, Lakeshore Dr. east off N. Main just south of M-14. Free. 930–6462.*

★**20th Anniversary Picnic: Professional Volunteer Corps.** All singles 25 & older invited to bring a dish to pass and your own beverage. Burgers and hot dogs provided. A variety of board, card, and lawn games. Also, a chance to learn about the group's volunteer efforts and social opportunities. *1–6 p.m., Gallup*

Park Maas Shelter, 3000 Fuller Rd. (west side of Huron Pkwy.). Free. 578–3664.

★**"Make Your Own Frisbee": Ann Arbor District Library.** All kids in grades K–5 invited to make a simple frisbee. Also, Dave Morris and other Ann Arbor Ultimate players demo some frisbee moves. *2–3 p.m., AADL Traverwood Branch, 3333 Traverwood at Huron Pkwy. Free. 327–4200.*

German Park Picnic. Old-fashioned German dinner served a la carte (approximately $5–$7) with wine, beer, pop, and coffee for sale. Dancing to German and American music by **The Sorgenbrechers.** *4–11 p.m., German Park, 5548 Pontiac Trail (7 miles north of Ann Arbor; look for the banners and signs marking the entrance). $5 (children 12 & under, free). No one under 21 admitted without parent or legal guardian. 769–0048 (weekdays).*

★**"Sue MacDonald Had a Book": Nicola's Books.** Local writer James Tobin and local cartoonist Dave Coverly read from and discuss their new children's alphabet book. Signing. *4 p.m., Nicola's, Westgate shopping center. Free. 662–0600.*

★**"Wondrous Sound": Zen Buddhist Temple.** See 24 Friday. 7 p.m.

"Summer Garden Party": 826michigan Fundraiser. All invited to celebrate the release of *How to Rise or, I Put My Heart into the Close*, a collection of essays, short stories, and poetry written by Ypsilanti High School students. Dancing to jazz standards by the **Bossa Bots.** Refreshments. Cash bar. *7:30 p.m., Downtown Home & Garden, 210 S. Ashley. $10 in advance at 826michigan.org, $15 at the door (includes a drink ticket). 761–3463.*

International Folk Dancing. Dancing to recorded music. The program begins with a dance lesson. *8–11 p.m., the barn at Gretchen's House V, 2625 Traver. $3–$5 (students, $1–$3) donation. 995–0011.*

Laurel Premo and Charlene Kaye: Interfaith Center for Spiritual Growth Cafe 704 Coffeehouse. Double bill. Premo is a U-M student singer-songwriter and multi-instrumentalist whose songs draw on Celtic, Appalachian, Cajun, Scandinavian, and bluegrass influences. Kaye is a smoky-voiced local singer-songwriter and multi-instrumentalist who plays lilting, orchestral pop-folk a la Feist. *8–10:30 p.m., Interfaith Center for Spiritual Growth, 704 Airport Blvd. Concert: $8 ($15 for 2) suggested donation. 665–0409.*

"Grease": Dexter Community Players. See 24 Friday. Time TBA.

"Wake": Purple Rose Theatre Company. See 1 Wednesday. 3 & 8 p.m.

"Hello, Dolly": Chelsea Area Players. See 24 Friday. 8 p.m.

Bill Bushart: Ann Arbor Comedy Showcase. See 24 Friday. 8 & 10:30 p.m.

26 SUNDAY

"7th Annual Rutka 5K": Ann Arbor Track Club. 5-km run and 3-mile walk in Gallup Park. Also, a 100-yard kids dash and a free 50-yard "Jason's run/walk" for people with cerebral palsy. Awards to top 3 male and female overall winners and to winners in various 5-year age divisions. Participants in the Jason's run/walk receive ceramic plaques. Postrace refreshments. Proceeds benefit United Cerebral Palsy of Metro Detroit. *8:30 a.m., Gallup Park, 3000 Fuller Rd. (west side of Huron Pkwy.). Parking in the Huron High School parking lot. Registration begins at 7:45 a.m. Run & walk: $18 (run) & $10 (walk) in advance at runlikemike.org, $25 (run) & $15 (walk) day of race. Kids run: $5 in advance and day of run. 369–2492.*

Lyn Yarows Memorial Run/Walk 5K: Dexter Cross Country Teams/JCB Foundation. Athletes of all abilities invited to join a 5-km trail run/walk. Also, 1-mile kids trail run (8:30 a.m.) and a free 200-meter dash (10 a.m.) for kids age 6 & under. Awards to male and female overall and master's winners and awards 5 deep to age 14 & under, ages 15–19, and 10-year age groups age 20 & older. Kids 1-mile run awards to top male and female by grade. Refreshments and giveaways. Proceeds go toward a charity chosen by the Yarows family. *9 a.m. (registration begins at 7:30 a.m.), Hudson Mills Metropark Activity Center, 8801 North Territorial Rd. (between Dexter-Pinckney Rd. & Huron River Dr.), Dexter. $25 ($20 by July 18; kids run, $10; families, $50). Registration forms available at Life Is Good (3207 Broad St., Dexter), jcbfoundation.org, and by emailing jazzrun@charter.net. $4 vehicle entry fee. 474–0584.*

"Turtle Paddle": Ann Arbor Parks & Recreation. All invited to join a city herpetologist to paddle around Gallup Pond to look for turtles. Canoes, kayaks, and equipment provided. *10 a.m.–noon, Gallup Park canoe livery, 3000 Fuller Rd. (west side of Huron Pkwy.). $22 per boat. 668–7411.*

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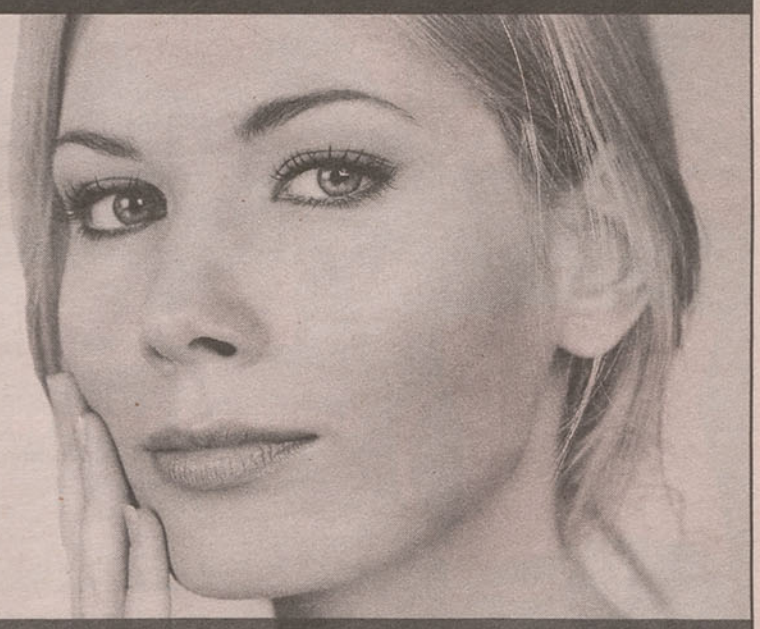

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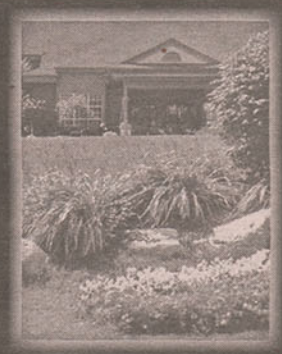

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★**"Palabras Luminosos: Latino Luminous Language, Laughter, and Lore": Ann Arbor District Library.** The Kalamazoo troupe **Magical Rain Theaterworks** presents a program of Latino stories about traps, tricksters, animals, and marvelous oddities of everyday life for kids in grades K–5 (accompanied by an adult). *2–3 p.m., AADL multipurpose room (lower level), 343 S. Fifth Ave. Free. 327–4555.*

"Wake": Purple Rose Theatre Company. See 1 Wednesday. 2 p.m.

"Hello, Dolly": Chelsea Area Players. See 24 Friday. 2 p.m.

"Grease": Dexter Community Players. See 24 Friday. Time TBA.

★**Society of Women Engineers Book Club.** All invited to join a discussion of ***People of the Book,*** Geraldine Brooks' fictionalized account of the priceless Sarajevo Haggadah and the perilous twists and turns in its 5-century-long history. *6–8 p.m., Borders cafe, 612 E. Liberty. Free. 668–7652.*

27 MONDAY

16th Annual "Summer Sings": University Musical Society Choral Union. See 6 Monday. Tonight: Michigan State University music professor Jonathan Reed conducts **Haydn's *Lord Nelson Mass.*** 7 p.m.

★**"7 Mondays at 7" Carillon Concerts.** See 20 Monday. Tonight's performer: Naperville (IL) carillonist **Tim Sleep.** 7 p.m.

28 TUESDAY

★**Juggler-Comedian Ben Spitzer: Ann Arbor District Library.** A program of juggling and comedy, with lots of audience participation, for kids in grades K–5. *2–3 p.m., AADL Pittsfield Branch, 2359 Oak Valley Dr. between Scio Church Rd. and Ann Arbor–Saline Rd., & 7–8 p.m., AADL multipurpose room (lowel level), 343 S. Fifth Ave. Free. 327–8301.*

"All about Bacon": Zingerman's Roadhouse. Zingerman's cofounder Ari Weinzweig, author of the recently published *Zingerman's Guide to Better Bacon,* and Edwards & Sons (Surry, Virginia) owner **Sam Edwards,** whose family has been producing traditionally smoked and cured meats since 1925, host a dinner showcasing gourmet bacon. A benefit for the Southern Foodways Alliance. *7 p.m., Zingerman's Roadhouse, 2501 Jackson. $75. Beverages available a la carte. Space limited; reservations required. 663–FOOD.*

★**"Bad Things Happen": Liberty Borders.** *See review, p. 53.* Local writer **Harry Dolan** reads from his new murder mystery set in Ann Arbor about the editor of a mystery magazine who's accused of murder when one of his coworkers is found dead. Best-selling thriller novelist James Patterson calls it a "rollercoaster ride that is always threatening to hurl the reader out into roaring empty space." Signing. *7 p.m., Borders, 612 E. Liberty. Free. 668–7652.*

★**"Carmina Burana": Blue Lake International Youth Symphony Orchestra and Choir.** Mark Webb conducts Carl Orff's adaptation of secular and religious songs by 13th-century scholars who one music critic says were "better known for their rioting, gambling, and intemperance than for their scholarship." Preceded by Blue Lake faculty recitals at 5:45 & 6:30 p.m. in the Michigan Union. *7:30 p.m., Hill Auditorium. Free. (800) 221–3796.*

29 WEDNESDAY

★**"Ridiculous Relay": Ann Arbor District Library.** All kids in grades 4–8 invited to participate in a wacky relay race. Prizes. *2–3 p.m., AADL multipurpose room (lower level), 343 S. Fifth Ave. Free. 327–8301.*

★**"Epidemiology in the 21st Century": U-M School of Public Health.** Talk by U-M School of Public Health professor Sharon Kardia. *5 p.m., SPH Auditorium, 109 S. Observatory. Free. 764–8093.*

★**"Designing a Great Neighborhood": Ann Arbor District Library.** Screening of David Wann's award-winning 2005 documentary about a successful cohousing project in Boulder, Colorado. Followed by discussion led by members of the local cohousing community. *7–8:30 p.m., AADL multipurpose room (lower level), 343 S. Fifth Ave. Free. 327–4555.*

★**Investment Book Group: Barnes & Noble.** All invited to join a discussion of David Bach's ***Smart Couples Finish Rich.*** Refreshments. *7 p.m., Barnes & Noble, 3235 Washtenaw. Free. 973–1618.*

★**"Cabaret in the Courtyard": Sh\aut\ Cabaret & Gallery.** Local singer-pianist **Jeff Willets** and tenor (and ACLU lawyer) **Jay Kaplan** perform an al fresco cabaret set. *7:30 p.m., Braun Ct. Free. 663–0036.*

★**Blue Lake International Youth Symphony Orchestra.** Program: Strauss's *Till Eulenspiegels lustige Streiche,* Ravel's *La Valse,* and Respighi's *Pines of Rome. 7:30 p.m., Hill Auditorium. Free. (800) 221–3796.*

"The Receptionist": Redbud Productions. Tim Grimes directs local actors in a staged reading of Adam Bock's dark comedy about the genial, capable receptionist at an office where all is not as normal as it seems. Stars Michelle Derr. *8 p.m., Kerrytown Concert House, 415 N. Fourth Ave. Tickets $12. Reservations recommended. 769–2999.*

"Wake": Purple Rose Theatre Company. See 1 Wednesday. 3 & 8 p.m.

"Amateur Night": Dreamland Theater. Open mike for musicians, puppeteers, animal trainers, dancers, storytellers, and other performers. *8:30 p.m., Dreamland Theater, 26 N. Washington, Ypsilanti. Cost TBA. Sign-up begins at 8 p.m. 657–2337.*

30 THURSDAY

★**"Book Bingo": Ann Arbor District Library.** All kids in grades K–5 invited to play bingo, with books for prizes. *2–3:30 p.m., AADL Pittsfield Branch, 2359 Oak Valley Dr. between Scio Church Rd. and Ann Arbor–Saline Rd. Free. 327–4200.*

★**"Duct Tape Do-Over": Ann Arbor District Library.** All kids in grades 6–12 invited to make a craft project with duct tape. *7–8:30 p.m., AADL multipurpose room (lower level), 343 S. Fifth Ave. at William. Free. 327–8301.*

★**"Indian Classical Dance": Ann Arbor District Library.** Lecture-demo on the Kuchipudi style of Indian classical dance by Shri P.K. Salve Kala Pratishthan classical dance academy (Maharashtra, India) ballerina **Analuiza Torres da Silva.** Kuchipudi, which originated as a form of theatrical dance devoted to the themes of Hindu mythology, combines gracious, rhythmic steps with symbolic hand gestures and facial expressions. *7–8:30 p.m., AADL Traverwood Branch, 3333 Traverwood at Huron Pkwy. Free. 327–4200.*

"Wake": Purple Rose Theatre Company. See 1 Wednesday. 8 p.m.

31 FRIDAY

★**Magician Doug Scheer: Ann Arbor District Library.** A program of wacky, off-the-wall magic tricks and mind-bending stunts for kids in grades K–5. *10–10:45 a.m., AADL multipurpose room (lowel level), 343 S. Fifth Ave., & 1–1:45 p.m., AADL Pittsfield Branch, 2359 Oak Valley Dr. between Scio Church Rd. and Ann Arbor–Saline Rd. Free. 327–8301.*

★**"34th Annual Band Organ Rally": Mid-America Chapter of the Musical Box Society International.** *July 31 & Aug. 1.* Members play a variety of large roll-operated carousel and band organs and hand-cranked hurdy-gurdies. Attendees are invited to try cranking some of the smaller organs. *10 a.m.–5 p.m., Riverside Park, Cross St. at Huron, Ypsilanti. Free. 677–2048, 546–2197.*

"Rent: School Edition": Downriver Actors Guild. *July 31 and Aug. 1, 7, & 8.* Dione Carrico directs Detroit-area teens in a slightly censored version of Jonathan Larson's Tony- and Pulitzer Prize–winning 1996 musical, based on Puccini's *La Boheme,* about an impoverished community of artists in the East Village living under the shadow of AIDS. It features an inventive rock score with intricate choral work and dexterous lyrics. *7:30 p.m., Riverside Arts Center, 76 N. Huron, Ypsilanti. Tickets $10 (students & seniors, $8) in advance and at the door. (313) 303–5269.*

5th Friday Fusion Dance: Ann Arbor Community of Traditional Music and Dance. Drake Meadow and others call a wide variety of dances to music by Twas Brillig and the Mazel Toves and other musicians. Beginners welcome. *8 p.m., Pittsfield Grange, 3337 Ann Arbor–Saline Rd. $9 (members, $8; students, $5). 332–7964.*

"Grease": Dexter Community Players. See 24 Friday. Time TBA.

"Wake": Purple Rose Theatre Company. See 1 Wednesday. 8 p.m.

Cristela Alonzo: Ann Arbor Comedy Showcase. *July 31 & Aug. 1.* Local début of this fast-rising young Latina comic from Texas whose observational humor draws on working, dating, and her experiences with racial profiling. Preceded by 2 opening acts. Alcohol is served; all Fri. & Sat. early shows are nonsmoking. *8 & 10:30 p.m., 314 E. Liberty (below Seva restaurant). $11 reserved seating in advance, $13 general admission at the door. 996–9080.*

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His current band is an all-star all-female ensemble featuring guitarists Cindy Cashdollar and Nina Gerber, vocalist Christy McWilson, violinists Laurie Lewis and Amy Farris, bassist (and former Ann Arborite) Sarah Brown, and drummer Lisa Pankratz. $20. **July 8: Open Stage.** All acoustic performers invited. Fifteen acts are selected randomly from those who sign up to perform 8 minutes (or 2 songs) each. The most talented and popular Open Stage performers are offered their own evenings at the Ark. $3 (members & students, $2). **July 9: Little Miss Higgins.** Born in Alberta, raised in Kansas, and now living in Saskatchewan, Jolene Higgins is a swing-blues singer-songwriter and acoustic guitarist whose repertoire mixes 1930s Memphis blues standards with gutsy, high-spirited original blues about life on the prairie. $15. **July 10: The RFD Boys.** Authentic bluegrass by these longtime local favorites. They have appeared in numerous festivals and even made the cover of *Bluegrass Unlimited* magazine. Their shows blend top-notch musicianship with funny between-songs dialogue. They have several recordings, including *Live and Unrehearsed*, a 1994 Ark performance. $11 at the door only. **July 11: John Jorgenson Quintet.** Gypsy jazz standards and originals by this ensemble led by singer-guitarist Jorgenson, a founding member of the Desert Rose Band and the Hellecasters who's a recognized pioneer in the revival of the music of Django Reinhardt—Jorgenson even portrayed Reinhardt in the 2004 film *Head in the Clouds*. $20. **July 12: Sarah Lee Guthrie and Johnny Irion.** A mix of folk, country, blues, and rock by this husband-and-wife duo of singer-guitarists. (Guthrie is Arlo's daughter.) $15. **July 19: Chris Hillman.** A former member of the seminal 60s folk-rock/country-rock bands the Byrds and the Flying Burrito Brothers, Hillman is a singer-songwriter and mandolinist whose music also embraces everything from modern bluegrass and straight county to jazz fusion. His songs have been recorded by everyone from Roy Rogers and Rose Maddox to Patti Smith and Beck. He is joined tonight by his longtime collaborator, banjoist and guitarist Herb Pedersen. $22.50. **July 20: Adrian Belew.** Virtuoso avant-rock guitarist best known for his work in King Crimson and with Laurie Anderson and the Talking Heads, Belew has since released 4 solo CDs showcasing his inventive experiments with conventional pop idioms. He is currently touring with a power trio. $25. **July 21: Jay Webber.** Northern Michigan singer-songwriter and guitarist who combines sweet-tempered, slightly whimsical lyrics with highly percussive music that has a Latin jazz edge and a touch of blues feeling. $15. **July 23: Grievous Angel.** Detroit-area country-rock quartet whose repertoire includes covers of everyone from Hank Williams and the Band to the Grateful Dead and Metallica, along with several strong originals. $13.50. **July 24: Sonny Landreth.** Veteran singer-songwriter and slide guitar virtuoso from Louisiana whom Eric Clapton calls "the most underestimated musician on the planet." The first white member of the late zydeco king Clifton Chenier's Red Hot Louisiana Band, Landreth has played with everyone from John Hiatt and Jimmie Dale Gilmore to John Mayall and Junior Wells. His songs—whose music blends Cajun, swamp rock, and Mississippi roadhouse blues and whose lyrical sensibility draws inspiration equally from William Faulkner and Robert Johnson—are rooted in a feeling for the sights, sounds, and flavors of life in southwest Louisiana. "He uses both hands to coax, pound, and stroke sounds out of his guitar that don't seem possible until you see it," says Bob Gottlieb in his *Folk & Acoustic Music Exchange* review of Landreth's 2005 live CD *Grant Street*. $25. **July 25: Black Jake & the Carnies.** Ypsilanti octet that calls its energetic, foot-stomping blend of punk, old-time music, and bluegrass "crabgrass." *All Music Guide* writer Steve Leggett calls it "a kind of raucous acoustic Americana that tosses postmodern Appalachian murder ballads, Irish drinking songs, skewed, twisted love songs and general cautionary tales into a stylistic blender that has them sounding like nothing so much as a maverick, hopped-up punk polka band in full 21st-century everything-fits jug band mode." Opening act is **Frontier Ruckus,** a Lake Orion experimental bluegrass sextet. $15. **July 27: Scythian.** Young Washington, D.C., quartet that plays Celtic-inspired original music in infectiously high-energy arrangements that incorporate a rock 'n' roll spirit and an array of stylistic influences from classical to East European and Middle Eastern music. "With only a thirty-to-forty-minute framework, Scythian took the sedate Monday night crowd aback from the start with a fierce twin fiddle instrumental and rarely let up on the intensity after that with polka and gypsy songs thrown in among the more obviously Irish-inspired tunes," says *Music That Matters* critic Kevin Oliver in a review of one of the band's live shows. "By set's end the crowd was on their feet, clapping in rhythm and even stomping their feet, chairs forgotten for the moment." $12.50. **July 28: Red Sea Pedestrians.** Kalamazoo neo-klezmer sextet of singer-songwriters and multi-instrumentalists who blend traditional klezmer music with a host of other styles. FREE. **July 29: David Lindley.** *See review, p. 55.* This multi-instrumental virtuoso is a world music pioneer whose repertoire includes African, Arabic, Asian, Celtic, and Turkish traditions, as well as a wide array of traditional American forms. His performances also feature an amazingly wide array of acoustic and electric acoustic instruments, including Hawaiian lap steel guitar, Turkish saz and chumbus, Middle Eastern oud, Irish bouzouki, and more. In 1967 Lindley founded the first world music rock band, Kaleidoscope, and since then his career has been shaped by lengthy collaborations with Jackson Browne, Ry Cooder, guitarist Henry Kaiser (with whom he recorded 2 Grammy-nominated CDs of collaborations with Malagasy musicians), and Jordanian percussionist Hani Naser. $17.50. **July 30: Hardline Drive.** Progressive bluegrass band from Lake Orion featuring the vocal harmonies of songwriter Toni Erskine and mandolinist Danielle Smith. Opening act is **The Deadstring Brothers,** a Detroit band that plays a relaxed, ragged blend of blues, country, and rock 'n' roll that recalls the early-70s Rolling Stones. $12.50. **July 31: Lucciana Costa.** Pop-rock band led by this Ann Arbor native, a 20-year-old singer-songwriter who's celebrating the release of her debut CD *Last Chance for a Pony*. $12.50.

The B-Side
310 E. Washington 214–9995

This all-ages venue in the Neutral Zone teen center features a mix of touring, local, and teen bands, usually Sat., 7–11 p.m. Cover, dancing. **July date TBA: Mustard Plug.** High-energy, theatrical post-punk ska by this popular band from Grand Rapids.

The Black Pearl
302 S. Main 222–0400

This seafood and martini bar features live music Wed., 6:30–9:30 p.m., & DJ Sun., 9 p.m.–midnight. No cover, no dancing. **July 1: Laith Al-Saadi.** See Elbow Room. **July 8: Jody Raffoul.** Canadian pop-rock singer-songwriter who's been described as a hybrid of Bono and Bruce Springsteen. **July 15:** TBA. **July 22: Chris Genteel & Gregg Leonard.** Rock and soul covers and originals by this local duo. **July 29: Beth Stalker & Jim Rawlings.** An eclectic mix of styles from blues, R&B, and jazz to rock and country by the Detroit-area duo of Detroit Music Award–winning singer-songwriter Stalker and songwriter-guitarist Rawlings.

The Blind Pig
208 S. First St. 996–8555

This local music club features live music 5 nights a week, with a varied assortment of local and out-of-town rock 'n' roll, blues, reggae, and dance bands, 10:30 p.m.–1:30 a.m. (unless otherwise noted). Also, occasional early shows, usually 7–10 p.m. Karaoke on Mon.; closed most Sun. If there's an opening act, the headliner usually goes on stage between 11:30 p.m. and midnight. Cover (except "Showcase Night"), dancing. If advance tickets are sold, they are available at the Michigan Union Ticket Office and all other Ticketmaster outlets. **Every Tues.** (except July 7)**: "Showcase Night."** With 4 different young local bands each week. **July 1: Royale.** Ypsilanti rock band. Opening acts are **Robots in the Garden,** a local rock quartet, and another act TBA. **July 2: Boyce Avenue.** *All ages admitted.* Florida-based acoustic pop-rock trio. Opening act is **Hana Pestle,** a young indie rock singer-songwriter from Billings, MT, who's now based in L.A. Advance tickets: $10 ($12 at the door). 8 p.m.–midnight. **July 3: Ann Arbor Soul Club.** The local DJ duo

country-folk

Misty Lyn & the Big Beautiful
Better Live than For the Dead

J. ADRIAN WYLIE

"We're gonna get a little country on now," warns Misty Lyn from the Blind Pig stage to a modest but engaged crowd. "It happens."

Country happens a lot with Misty Lyn & the Big Beautiful. With Carol Gray's warm traditional fiddle, Ryan Gimpert's haunting pedal steel, and Misty Lyn's aw-shucks, heartland songwriting, country moods feel inevitable here. It's whiskey-drinking country, with the slow, wrenching ballads and rueful lyrics that aren't meant to cheer you up but leave you feeling less alone.

And country isn't all this band has to offer. Their full repertoire is better characterized as indie folk-rock. Their live shows are danceably energetic, taking advantage of the mature musicianship of Jim Roll on bass and the intensity of drummer Matt Jones. The band members play well together, jumping up and down when the rhythms demand, singing tight harmonies, and urging each other on.

However, their live energy doesn't translate to their recent studio recording *For the Dead*. The CD is subdued and pensive, dark and languid. Most of the tunes are rhythmically neither here nor there—the ballads aren't quite slow enough, and the up-tempo songs really aren't.

Misty Lyn's lyrics suggest the pacing of the songs with messages of desperate yearning and morbid grief. She pens a lot of autumn images of decay, such as "your trees they start to withering" and "the flowers left to dying in the gravel" and "I'll welcome your October frost." The title track speaks of breathing in the dead in the dirt of a cemetery and stringing "his bones from the limbs of two cherry trees." "Minneapolis" is a nod to Lucinda Williams, with its anguished melody and minimal words repeated multiple times.

Many compositions are built around quiet intros or interludes featuring Misty Lyn's acoustic guitar and comfortable, clear voice. There's nothing distinctive about her singing style, but it is highly controlled, soothing, and pleasant. Similarly, nothing about this band's sound is groundbreaking, but the familiar country-folk mood is well executed.

Perhaps the most distinctive quality of Misty Lyn & the Big Beautiful is the look of the band. With her close-cropped brown hair and strong presence, Misty Lyn channels a rockin' Rachel Maddow. Gray is model-tall and gorgeous but not the least self-conscious. And Jones—beating the skins in cap, jacket, beard, and mean-eyed squint—looks like something out of a Kerouac novel. Check them out at the Elbow Room on Friday, July 3, for full effect.

—*Stephanie Kadel-Taras*

of Brad Hales and Robert Wells spin classic soul records. **July 4:** Closed. **July 7: Traveling by Sea.** Bowling Green (OH) pop-rock sextet. Opening acts are **Night Shall Eat These Girls and Boys,** an Ypsilanti electro-pop trio, and another band TBA. **July 8: The Javelins.** Detroit indie rock trio. Opening acts are **Office,** a local rock 'n' roll band, and **Lightning Love,** a local keyboard-driven minimalist pop trio. **July 9: Matt Jones.** Local pop-folk singer-songwriter. Opening acts are **The High Strung,** a Brooklyn (MI) trio that plays dark, crafty pop with psychedelic overtones, and **Drunken Barn Dance,** a local experimental alt-country and folk-rock band. **July 10: Cetan Clawson Revolution.** Saline rock 'n' roll band. Opening acts are **The Electromags,** an Ypsilanti band, formerly known as the 77s, that plays loud, raucous, melodic, bluesy, surf-guitar rockabilly, along with the local psychedelic-blues garage trio **Sik Sik Nation** and the Detroit neo-soul drum 'n' bass duo **Illy Mack. July 11: Dante.** Local hip-hop MC. Opening acts are Ypsilanti hip-hop MC **Yoshi,** the Detroit hip-hop MC **D. Allie,** and **Celsius Electronics,** a local hip-hop ensemble featuring members of Tree City. **July 15: The Ferdy Mayne.** See Elbow Room. Opening acts are **Apollo,** an Ypsilanti rock band, and 2 other bands TBA. **July 16: Zach Deputy.** Guitar-and percussion jam-rock duo from South Carolina. Opening act is **The New Green,** a local pop-folk octet led by singer-songwriter Steven Clausnitzer that's been compared to the Beatles, Wilco, and Sufjan Stevens. **July 17: The Macpodz.** Immensely popular local jam band that plays an invigorating mix of R&B, soul, rock, and hard jazz it calls "disco bebop." Opening acts are **Four Finger Five,** a Muskegon crunk-rock trio, and **Luke Winslow King,** a New Orleans–bred singer-songwriter and guitarist who currently lives in Cadillac. **July 18: Tickled Fancy Burlesque Co.** Popular local postpunk burlesque troupe. Opening acts are **Charlie Slick,** a local Gary Numan–inspired electro-pop singer-songwriter, and **Stone Crazed Pirates,** a new local spazz-punk band. **July 22: Inkface & the Digital Dream.** Ypsilanti electronica-dub trio. Opening acts are the local electronica ensemble **I Love Dinosaurs,** the southern Illinois electronica-grindcore trio **Gordon Bombay,** and **DJ Commerce. July 23: Greg Laswell.** Indie pop-rock singer-songwriter from Long Beach whose songs are frequently featured in film and TV soundtracks. Opening act is **Elizabeth & the Catapult,** a Brooklyn, NY, pop-rock trio, led by the brassy-voiced singer-songwriter and keyboardist Elizabeth Ziman, that recently released its Verve Forecast debut, *Taller Children*. **July 24: A Working Model.** Local progressive rock quartet whose influences range from King Crimson to Tool. Opening acts are the local prog-metal band **Commerce & Hiller,** the local rock trio **Idol & the Whip,** and the Detroit-area hardcore band **Dire Wolf. July 25: The Bang!** Dance party with this local DJ collective that plays garage and 70s rock. **July 29:** TBA. **July 30: Light in August.** Royal Oak trio that plays breezy alt-pop. Opening act is **The Juliets,** a new local pop-rock trio. **July 31: Bull Halsey.** Chelsea garage blues band. Opening acts are **The Blue Rubys,** see Club Above, and **The Ivories,** a Chicago alt-country-rock band.

Café Habana

211 E. Washington **332–6046**

The cellar bar of this downtown restaurant features salsa DJs, Thurs., 9 p.m.–2 a.m. & Sun., 8 p.m.–midnight. No cover, dancing.

The Circus

210 S. First St. **913–8890**

This 2nd-floor downtown club features live music on Wed. & Thurs. and karaoke on Fri. & Sat., 10 p.m.–2 a.m. Also, occasional live shows in the street-level **Millennium Club** or basement **Cavern Club,** 10 p.m.–2 a.m.. No cover, no dancing (unless otherwise noted). Age 21 & older admitted. **July 1: Orpheum Bell.** Local self-styled acoustic "country and eastern" quintet whose music pairs country-folk rhythms with gypsy melodies, drawing on a diverse range of influences from the Carter Family, Grandpa Jones, and Gillian Welch to Kurt Weill, Tom Waits, and the Pogues. Its core sound blends vocals, accordion, guitar, and double bass, with additional texture and luster from violins, clarinet, percussion, and autoharp. **July 2: Company of Strangers.** Ypailanti alt-country and alt-bluegrass band. **July 8: Black Jake & the Carnies.** See The Ark. **July 9: Sprout.** Saginaw bluegrass jam band. **July 11: Killer Flamingos.** Rock 'n' roll covers and originals by this popular, veteran band from Dearborn. Cover, dancing. In the Millennium Club. **July 15: Luke Winslow-King Trio.** New Orleans–bred singer-songwriter and guitarist who currently lives in Cadillac. **July 16: Soul Patch.** Traverse City bluegrass and reggae jam band. **July 22:** TBA. **July 23: Covert Operations.** Flint bluegrass-jam band. **July 25: Killer Flamingos.** See above. **July 29:** TBA. **July 30: The Thunder Chickens.** Saginaw punk-bluegrass band.

Club Above

215 N. Main **663–7758**

This dance club with a brand-new sound system on the top floor of the Heidelberg restaurant features live music Thurs. & Sat., 9:30 p.m.–2 a.m., and live happy hour bands on Fri., 6:15–8:30 p.m. Also, DJ on Fri. and karaoke on Wed. & Thurs., 9 p.m.–2 a.m. Cover, dancing. Age 21 & over only unless otherwise noted. **July 2: The Blue Rubys.** Classy local almost-all-female country-rock quintet. Opening acts are **Skin and Bones,** a Detroit Americana duo, and another band TBA. **July 3** (6:15–8:30 p.m.)**: FUBAR.** 6-piece band led by guitarist Randy Tessier and featuring vocalist Sophia Hanifi. Their repertoire is an eclectic mix of originals by Hanifi and Tessier and covers of everyone from the Everly Brothers, the Kinks, and the Yardbirds to Miles Davis, Steve Earle, and U2. The band's 4-song minidisk *Clean House* includes 2 originals, a cover of Stephen Stills's 1967 protest classic "For What It's Worth," and an original setting of Auden's 1939 poem "Refugee Song." **July 4: "Plastic Passion."** DJ retro dance party with an eclectic mix of everything from New Wave, Britpop, and postpunk to acid house, goth rock, and industrial. **July 9: Duende!** Detroit psychedelic Americana band. Opening act TBA. **July 10** (6:15–8:30 p.m.)**: Steve Newhouse & the Nuke-a-billies.** Veteran local classic country and country-rock band led by singer-guitarist Newhouse. With guitarist Kevin Brown, bassist Chris Goerke, and drummer Eric Nyhuis. **July 11: Party Stompers.** Detroit garage quartet that plays rockabilly-inflected big-beat R&B. Opening act TBA. **July 16:** TBA. **July 17** (6:15–8:30 p.m.)**: Khalid Hanifi.** Beatlesesque postpunk powerpop by a quintet led by veteran local singer-songwriter Hanifi and featuring guitar wiz George Bedard. **July 18: Ben Daniels Trio.** Folk-rock trio from Chelsea led by singer-songwriter and guitarist Daniels. Opening acts are **Factory,** a Detroit rock trio fronted by vocalist Sahra Braunlich, and **Doc Brown & Bad Boys from Spain,** a young Chelsea rock band. **July 23:** TBA. **July 24** (6:15–8:30 p.m.)**: Orange Door Hinge.** Local big band led by saxophonist and II-V-I Orchestra frontman David Swain that plays an eclectic mix of everything from funk and disco to Steely Dan and TV cop show themes. **July 25: "Arbco Records Summer Formal."** Punk rock party headlined by the Detroit punk-surf garage band **Amino Acids.** Opening acts are the local crunk-metal trio **Texas Prison Rodeo,** the local punk band **Suicide by Cop** (formerly known as Dead Reagan), and the Coldwater hardcore band **The Citizen's Plague.** DJs Jef Porkins and Nate Pancakes spin punk records between sets. **July 30: "Direct Hits Mod Club."** DJ collective that plays vintage British pop and soul. **July 31** (6:15–8:30 p.m.)**: Drivin' Sideways.** Veteran local band fueled by Pontiac Pete Ferguson's alternately soulful and ornery vocals. Their country-based repertoire still features lots of classic honky-tonk, but they also cover everyone from Chuck Berry and Johnny Burnette to the Beatles and James Brown. The band's guiding presence seems to be Elvis—including both large chunks of his repertoire and his attitude that any music he did suited him just because he did it. The band also includes guitarist George Bedard, bassist Chris Goerke, drummer Mark Newbound, and keyboardist Jim King.

Conor O'Neill's

318 S. Main **665–2968**

Downtown Irish pub with live music Sun. 7:30–10 p.m. and Thurs. & Sat. 9:30 p.m.–1:30 a.m., and a DJ on Fri. 10 p.m.–2 a.m. **Every Sun.: Traditional Irish Session.** All invited to join or listen to an instrumental jam session. Followed at 10 p.m. by karaoke. **Every Thurs.: Jerry Sprague Band.** Roots-rock band led by veteran local singer-guitarist Sprague. **Every Fri: DJ Big Daddie. July 4: Randy Brock Group.** Detroit blues trio. **July 11: Kris K Trio.** Local trio led by singer-guitarist Kris Kurzawa that plays jazz, soul, and avant-funk covers and originals. **July 18: Michael May & the Messarounds.** Jazz-inflected blues and blues-rock by this veteran local quartet led by vocalist and blues harpist May. **July 25: Terraplanes.** Local band led by singer-guitarist Jerry Mack that plays a mix of houserocking blues, uptown swing, soulful R&B, and roots rock.

Crazy Wisdom Tea Room

114 S. Main **665–9468**

Tea room above Crazy Wisdom Bookstore features live music occasional Fri. & Sat., 8:30–10:30 p.m. **July 3: Christine Hoberg.** New York–based singer-songwriter, a former Ann Arborite. **July 4:** TBA. **July 10: Sisters Lucas.** The sibling singer-songwriter duo of Julie and Loretta Lucas, who are known for songs that layer dual lyrics in Julie's rich alto and Loretta's lilting soprano to create a dialogue within the song. They are joined by guitarists Nathan K and Patrick Elkins. **July 11: Thom Jayne & the Nomads.** Acoustic ambient septet from Okemos whose music blends elements of world music and jazz. **July 17: Ryan Vanderhoof.** Local singer-songwriter and guitarist, a former member of the Brooklyn (NY) psychedelic bluegrass quartet Akron/Family. He is accompanied by a percissionist and violinist TBA. **July 18: The Gypsy Nomads.** The New York City duo of guitarist Scott Helland and percussionist Samantha Stevenson performs a bewitching brand of folk-rock that blends Celtic and French Gypsy influences. **July 24: Andie & Tracy.** Foot-stomping avant-hillbilly music by an acoustic quartet fronted by the Detroit husband-and-wife duo of vocalist Andie Webb and bassist Tracy Webb. **July 25: John Churchville & Meeta Banerjee.** North Indian classical music by tabla player Churchville and sitarist Banerjee. **July 31: Seven Bridges.** Country-rock originals by this Detroit trio led by singer-songwriter Keith Howard and featuring vocalist Lisa Chambers and her husband, bassist Dave Chambers.

Creekside Grill and Bar

5827 Jackson Rd. **827–2737**

The intimate basement bar in this restaurant in Scio Township features occasional live music. Cover, dancing. **July 25: II-V-I Orchestra.** Veteran local big band, led by saxophonist David Swain, that plays late-1930s swing and 1940s R&B. 6:30–9 p.m.

Dreamland Theater

26 N. Washington, Ypsilanti **657–2337**

This downtown Ypsilanti theater features occasional live music, 9–11 p.m. or later. Cover (usually a donation), no dancing. **July 31:** TBA.

Elbow Room

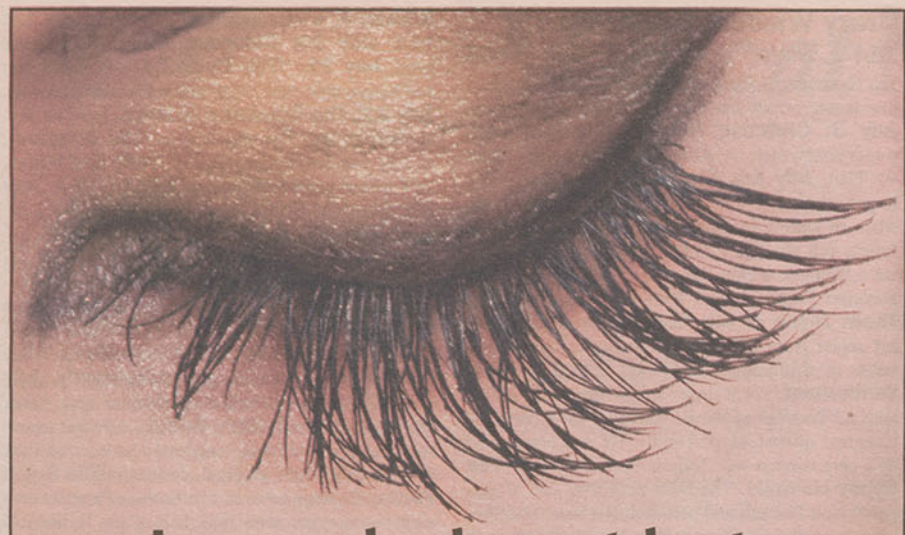
6 S. Washington, Ypsilanti 483–6374

This Ypsilanti tavern features live music and/or DJs Mon.–Thurs., 9 p.m.–1 a.m., and Fri. & Sat., 10 p.m.–2 a.m. Also, occasional Sun., 8 p.m.–midnight. No cover ($5 suggested donation), dancing. **Every Sun: Todd Osborne.** Detroit-area electronic musician. **Every Mon.: Laith Al-Saadi.** Soulful acoustic rock and blues covers and originals by this local singer-guitarist. **Every Thurs.: "Mofo Karaoke."** With "the standard karaoke playlist crap plus 2,500+ obscure and awesome songs." **July 1: Child Bite.** Ferndale postpunk art-rock band. Opening acts are **Deleted Scenes,** a highly regarded Talking Heads–style pop-rock quartet from NYC and D.C., and **The Ferdy Mayne,** an Ypsilanti folk-rock trio. **July 3: Misty Lyn & the Big Beautiful.** *See review, p. 60.* Local country-inflected folk-rock band led by singer-songwriter Lyn. Opening acts are **Scarlet Oaks,** a Detroit quartet that plays soulful country-rock, and **Black Lodge,** a Detroit band that plays melodramatic postpunk pop. **July 4:** TBA (possibly closed). **July 7: "Tiki Tuesday."** The Elbow Room Tiki Tuesday band plays surf music and various exotica. Also, performance by the belly dancer **Aurora** and magician **Scarboni. July 8: Anna Ash & the Family Tree.** Acoustic pop-folk band led by ethereal-voiced local singer-songwriter Ash. Opening acts are **Chris Jacob,** a folk-rock singer-songwriter, and **Tim Monger,** an engaging singer-songwriter-guitarist from the Great Lakes Myth Society known for his high lonesome originals. **July 10: Dirt Road Logic.** Local 70s-style rock 'n' roll band fronted by singer-guitarist Eric Kelly. Opening acts are **The Afternoon Round,** a local Americana rock band, and **Chef Chris & the Rump Shakers,** a blues quartet led by vocalist and blues harpist Chef Chris Sirvinskis. **July 11: The Disregarded.** Self-styled "dirt-hop" quartet from Oakville who blend American roots music with urban rap and gospel-tinged choruses. Opening acts are **Devil Elvis,** an Ypsilanti rockabilly singer-songwriter, and **Las Drogas,** an Ypsilanti band that plays loud, raucous, melodic, bluesy surf-guitar rockabilly. **July 14: Chris Bathgate.** Local singer-songwriter who writes heartfelt, poetic story songs in a variety of moods. **July 15: Wild Years.** Local electronic folk-rock band. **July 17: Downtown Brown.** Detroit postpunk metal-funk trio. Opening acts are **Cranberry Lincoln,** an Ypsilanti acoustic folk-rock duo, and **Nathan K,** a local indie folk-pop band. **July 18:** TBA. **July 20: Colossus.** Raleigh (NC) metal band. **July 21: "The Cycle."** DJs Blakguts and Joe Vargas spin funk, soul, and indie dance records. **July 22: The Goddamn Gallows.** Lansing psychobilly quartet. Opening acts are **Los Duggans,** an L.A. psychobilly quartet, and **Trace the Veins,** an Ypsilanti punk-rock quartet. **July 24:** TBA. **July 25: Gepetto Files.** Idiosyncratic local marionette troupe that specializes in off-the-wall, postpunk explorations of American cultural archetypes that are simultaneously weird, hilarious, provocative, sophomoric, and haunting. Opening act is **Jehovah's Witness Protection Program,** a local acoustic pop-folk band. **July 28: "Elbow Deep."** Gay and lesbian gala with Detroit DJ **Humanfly. July 29: Neptune.** Detroit experimental rock band. Opening acts are **Orange Robot,** a Detroit avant-rock band whose music suggests elements of Pink Floyd, Sonic Youth, and Radiohead, and **Elle & the Fonts,** the stage name of Elle Sawa, a Ferndale emo singer-songwriter who bills herself as "a horrible guitar player [who] likes to think she makes up for it through her exceptionally amusing stage presence and vocal performances." **July 31: Matt Jones.** See Blind Pig. Opening act is **This Is Deer Country,** a Houghton pop-folk acoustic quintet, led by singer-songwriter Kate Pote, that slowcoustic.com calls "music you drift along to and feel intoxicated by."

The Firefly Club

637 S. Main **665–9090**

Jazz and blues club, named Best Metro Detroit Jazz Club by the *Detroit Free Press*. Live jazz Mon., 8 p.m.–midnight; occasional Tues., 8–11 p.m.; Wed., 9:30 p.m.–12:30 a.m.; Thurs., 8–11 p.m.; Fri. & Sat., 9 p.m.–1 a.m.; and Sun., 8:30 p.m.–12:30 a.m. Also, happy-hour music Thurs., 4–7 p.m., and Fri. & Sun., 5–8 p.m. Sun. jazz brunch, 10 a.m.–2 p.m. Cover (unless otherwise noted), dancing. **Every Fri.** (5–8 p.m.)**: Easy Street Swingtet.** Dixieland and swing by this local ensemble led by saxophonist and trumpeter Paul Klinger. **Every Sun.** (5–8 p.m.)**: Phil Ogilvie's Rhythm Kings.** This local 10-piece big band is one of the few to specialize in the old-time big-band music of the late 1920s and early 1930s associated with Jelly Roll Morton and King Oliver. Arrangements by the renowned early-jazz pianist James Dapogny and tubaist Chris Smith. **Every Sun.: Laith Al-Saadi Trio.** An eclectic mix of jazz, blues, R&B, Motown, and pop, including many originals, by a trio led by this local singer-guitarist. **Every Mon.** (except July 27)**: Paul Keller Orchestra.** Award-winning 15-piece big band led by bassist Keller and featuring vocalist (and Firefly Club owner) Susan Chastain. **Every Wed.: "Salsa Night."** With DJ Sabor. **Every Thurs.: Los Gatos.** Mambos and cha-chas by this local Latin jazz band led by drummer Pete Siers that specializes in the music of Cal Tjader, the late San Francisco vibes player who ignited the 1950s mambo craze. Preceded at 7 p.m. by Latin dance lessons ($5 includes cover for the band). 8–11 p.m. **Every Fri. & Sat.:** Live bands TBA. **July 3: Paul Keller Trio.** High-energy mainstream jazz by this ensemble led by bassist Keller. Tonight's show is a tribute to the legendary jazz bassist Ray Brown. **July 4:** TBA. **July 9: First Flight.** See Goodnite Gracie. **July 10: Ben Jansson Quartet.** Jazz ensemble led by Ann Arbor–bred saxophonist Jansson, a recent U-M grad. **July 11: "Susan Sings Sinatra."** Firely Club owner Susan Chastain, accompanied by an ensemble of musicians TBA, performs Sinatra classics. **July 17: Tumbao Bravo.** Cuban jazz quintet led by local saxophonist and flutist Paul VornHagen and percussionist Alberto Nacif. With pianist Sven Anderson, bassist John Barron, and Javier Barrios on timbales. The band has a new CD, *Un Systema Para Todo*. **July 18: Pontiac Pete & the Bonnevilles.** Reunion of this versatile early-80s honky-tonk and psychobilly band led by vocalist Pontiac Pete Ferguson. With axe guitarist George Bedard, pedal steel guitarist Mark O'Boyle, drummer Mark Newbound, and bassist Chris Goerke. **July 24: Kirsten Gustafson.** This mainstream jazz vocalist, a UP native and EMU grad, is backed by the **Dick Reynolds Trio,** an ensemble led by pianist Reynolds, Nancy Wilson's former music director. **July 25: "Girls Night In."** All female vocalists invited to sit in with a jazz trio TBA. **July 26: Tyrannosaurus Bass.** Ensemble of 4 local jazz bassists—Paul Keller, Kurt Krahnke, Jordan Shug, and David Stearns—along with a pianist and drummer TBA. $15 includes lunch. 1 p.m. **July 27: Cool Moose Orchestra.** Ensemble of local middle and high school jazz musicians led by Glen Tucker. **July 31: The Bobby Streng Saxomble.** Jazz standards and originals by this ensemble led by U-M music student Streng that features 5 saxophones and a rhythm section.



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Guy Hollerin's
3600 Plymouth Rd. **769–9800**

The restaurant in the North Campus Holiday Inn features music on Fri. & Sat., 8 p.m.–midnight. Cover, dancing. **July 3: The Jeff Williams Group.** Toledo blues and soul quintet led by guitarist Williams and featuring vocalist Isis Ardrey. **July 4: Tomas Esparza & the Boa Constrictors.** Barroom blues and R&B by this Oxford, MI, quintet. **July 10: Cee Cee Collins.** Veteran Detroit blueswoman who is backed by **R.J.'s Rhythm Rockers,** a Detroit blues band led by drummer R.J. Spangler. **July 11: Alberta Adams.** This veteran Detroit blues shouter and balladeer has toured with everyone from Louis Jordan and LaVern Baker to Duke Ellington and Roy Eldridge. Known for what one critic called "an earthy, world-weary voice which hints of a past filled with hound-dog men and hard-luck stories," she is backed by **R.J.'s Rhythm Rockers** (see above). **July 17: Howard Glazer and the EL34s.** Houserocking blues by this Detroit trio led by singer-guitarist Glazer. **July 18: Jimmy McCarty & Mystery Train.** Popular rockabilly and roots-rock band led by veteran Detroit guitarist McCarty. **July 24: Michael May & the Messarounds.** See Conor O'Neill's. **July 25: Steve Nardella Rock 'n' Roll Trio.** Ann Arbor's most passionate and compelling roots-rocker performs fiercely cathartic, blues-drenched reworkings of rock 'n' roll and rockabilly classics and obscure gems, along with some authentic Muddy Waters and John Lee Hooker blues. **July 31: The Chris Canas Blues Revolution.** Detroit blues band fronted by Canas, a young blues vocalist and virtuoso guitarist.

The Habitat Ultralounge
3050 Jackson Rd. **665–3636**

The lounge at Weber's Inn features dance bands Tues.–Thurs., 8:45 p.m.–12:30 a.m., and Fri. & Sat., 8:45 p.m.–1:30 a.m. Also, solo pianists Tues.–Sun., 6–8:45 p.m. Dancing, no cover. **Every Mon.: "Monday Groove."** With DJ Mechial White. 7 p.m.–midnight. **July 1 & 2: Double Take.** Hartland rock 'n' roll trio. **July 3 & 4: Shop Ratz.** Classic-rock trio from Flat Rock. **July 7–9: Justine Blazer.** Acoustic duo led by this Detroit country-rock singer-songwriter. **July 10 & 11: Remedy.** Detroit dance band. **July 14: Herbie Russ.** Solo saxophonist. **July 15 & 16: Double Take.** See above. **July 17 & 18: Forte.** Chicago classic rock band. **July 21–23: Identical Strangers.** Classic rock by the Windsor duo of vocalist Danielle Samson and guitarist Scott Giles. **July 24 & 25: Ultraviolet.** Detroit band that plays 70s & 80s rock hits. **July 28–30: Green-Eyed Soul.** Windsor pop trio fronted by vocalists Melissa Danese and Fallon Deluca. **July 31: Bugs Beddow Band.** Versatile horn-driven R&B, boogie-rock, blues, and jazz ensemble led by veteran Detroit trombonist Beddow.

Live at PJ's
102 S. First St. **752–5740**

This lounge features DJs Fri.–Sat., 9 p.m.–2 a.m. Cover, dancing.

Melange Subterranean Bistro
314 S. Main **222–0202**

The lounge in this downtown restaurant features live music Thurs., 10 p.m.–2 a.m. Also, DJs on Fri. & Sat. Dancing, no cover. **Every Thurs.: Lucas Paul Band.** Local quartet led by pop-rock singer-songwriter Paul.

The Necto
516 E. Liberty **994–5436**

This popular dance club features local and national DJs 4 nights a week, Mon. & Thurs.–Sat., 9 p.m.–2 a.m. Also, occasional live shows. Cover, dancing. **July 22: Kenneth Thomas.** Detroit progressive house and trance DJ. Opening act is Detroit DJ **Shawn Michaels. July 31: "Battle of the Bands."** With bands TBA.

Old Town
122 W. Liberty **662–9291**

This downtown corner bar features live music Sun. & occasional other nights, 8–10 p.m. No dancing, no cover. The performers are usually accompanied by various drop-in friends. **July 5: Eric Kelly.** Local singer-songwriter who writes raw, Dylanesque folk-style songs. **July 12: Gas for Less.** Local alt-country honky-tonk and rockabilly band led by singer-songwriter (and former Lucky Haskins frontman) Ryan Racine. **July 19: Lenny Zenith.** Local indie rock singer-songwriter. **July 26: Tim Monger.** See Elbow Room.

Oz's Music Environment
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This storefront next to Oz's music store features live music most Tues., 7:30–9:30 p.m. (unless otherwise noted). Cover by donation, no dancing. 8–10 p.m. **July 7: "Songwriters Open Mike."** All songwriters invited. Hosted by Jim Novak. **July 14: "Anything Goes Open Stage & Song Circle."** All musicians invited. Hosted by Laura MacKimmie. **July 21: "Ukulele Jam."** Musicians of all ability levels invited. **July 31: The White Ravens.** Indie rock duo of local high school siblings Amy and Will Bennett. They are joined tonight by former Billy Joel drummer **Liberty DeVito,** who presents a drumming lecture-demo after the performance. $10 (students, $5). 7:30–9 p.m.

The Quarter Bistro
300 S. Maple **929–9200**

This west-side restaurant features live music Sat., 7–10 p.m. Also, a DJ on Fri., 6–9 p.m. No cover, no dancing. **Every Sat.: Mike Moore.** Jazz guitarist.

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This popular downtown Ypsilanti tavern features live music Tues. 7–11 p.m., Wed. 9 p.m.–midnight, Thurs. & Fri. 8 p.m.–midnight, & Sat. 9:30 p.m.–1:30 a.m. No cover, dancing. **Every Tues.: The Witch Doctors.** This local blues and R&B band led by singer-guitarist Thayrone, best known as the host of the nationally syndicated *Bone Conduction Music Show,* plays what Thayrone calls "way-strong mojo, ritualistic barroom blues healing." **Every Wed.: "Jazz, Etc."** Jam session with EMU student combos (9–10 p.m.) and various local jazz ensembles and other performers (10 p.m.–midnight). **Every Thurs.: Electric Open Mike.** Hosted by **The Martindales,** a local band led by singer-guitarist Brian Brickley that plays blues and rock covers and originals. All electric musicians invited. **Every Fri.: John Latini & Friends.** Acoustic rock-based originals by this veteran local rock 'n' roll singer-songwriter, who is joined by different guest musicians TBA each week. **Every Sat.** Bands TBA.

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This west-side restaurant presents live music on its outdoor patio on Wed., 5–8 p.m. No cover, dancing. **July 1: Jamie-Sue Seal.** Lansing-area roots music singer-songwriter. **July 8: Annie Capps.** Local singer-songwriter and electric guitarist who writes thoughtful, distinctively personal, warmly exuberant folk-rock songs that are both musically sophisticated and down-home. She is accompanied by her husband, guitarist Rod Capps. **July 15: Tracy Mack & the Magic Land Band.** Local folk-rock and blues-rock band led by singer-songwriter Mack. **July 22: Treetown Swingtette.** Local trio that plays a wide range of swing music, from Cole Porter to Django Reinhardt. Members are acoustic guitarist Brian Delaney, fiddler Paul Winder, and singer-guitarist Myron Grant, who also plays harp and bones. **July 29: The Flying Latini Brothers.** Country-flavored rock, along with some Tom Waits covers, by this local band fronted by singer-songwriter John Latini. ■

Classifieds & Personals

Personals Key

A=Asian
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D=Divorced
F=Female
G=Gay
H=Hispanic
H/WP=Height & Weight Proportionate
ISO=In Search Of
J=Jewish
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LTR=Long Term Relationship
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☎=Phone Calls
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ST. JAMES WOODS – Stunning 4-bedroom, 2 ½-bath custom-built, all brick, 2-story loaded with all the upgrades you've been hoping for. Enjoy this quiet cul-de-sac location just minutes to I-94 and Ann Arbor. Interior features include two-story great room, oversized maple kitchen with granite and stainless appliances, luxurious first-floor master bedroom, den, and generous bedrooms. $479,900. **Call Matt Dejanovich, 476-7100.**

STONEBRIDGE – Custom-built 4-bedroom, 2½-bath home on a quiet cul-de-sac in one of the area's most desired subs. Incredible lot borders trees and a stream with oversized patio and extensive landscaping. Gorgeous interior features large great room with vaulted ceiling, gourmet kitchen, spacious first-floor master suite, and finished basement. $449,900. **Call Matt Dejanovich, 476-7100.**

BRIARHILL – This 4-bedroom, 6-bath 2002 Showcase of Homes entry on a quiet, interior, cul-de-sac lot is loaded with quality features and amenities. You will love this home. Features include two-story foyer, custom kitchen with granite and stainless steel appliances, den, two-story family room, luxury master suite, and finished basement with view out windows. $434,900. **Call Matt Dejanovich, 476-7100.**

STONEBRIDGE – Wonderful 4-bedroom, 3 ½-bath colonial on a peaceful cul-de-sac lot in the Saline school district. Nice lot with extensive landscaping and large deck. The interior of this home is perfect including two-story foyer, maple kitchen, open family room with fireplace, large formal spaces, den, master suite with sitting room, and finished lower level with rec room and bath. $424,900. **Call Matt Dejanovich, 476-7100.**

SALINE – Are you looking for a GORGEOUS wooded setting just minutes to Ann Arbor and I-94? This is it!! Enjoy the complete seclusion and privacy of this 2.1 acre wooded setting. The 3-bedroom, 2-bath home features great room with vaulted ceiling, spacious oak kitchen, study loft, and private master suite. $399,900. **Call Matt Dejanovich, 476-7100.**

NEW LISTING - AUGUSTA TWP – Solid 3-bedroom, 2-bath ranch on a peaceful 2-acre lot in Lincoln Schools area. Lot is very private and backs to trees. Enjoy the view from the Trex deck. Great, quality-built home features great room with corner fireplace, maple kitchen with granite counter tops, and spacious master suite. $299,900. **Call Matt Dejanovich, 476-7100.**

NEW LISTING – LINCOLN SCHOOLS – Enjoy your own 40-acre private get-away in this modest 3-bedroom, 1-bath home. The land is spectacular and features open meadows and dense woods. Potential for land split also exists. Perfect home for an outdoor enthusiast. Home is older and has lots of charm. $299,900. **Call Matt Dejanovich, 476-7100.**

SALINE – Custom-built 4-bedroom, 2 ½-bath ranch on a peaceful country acre just minutes to US-23 and Toyota. This home features the highest quality upgrades you've been hoping for including all brick exterior, granite kitchen, all hardwood on main floor, and finished walkout basement. $299,900. **Call Matt Dejanovich, 476-7100.**

MANCHESTER – Are you looking for your own private hideaway just 15 minutes from Ann Arbor? This is it! Gorgeous 5-acre wooded parcel with many old growth oak trees. Home features great room with vaulted ceiling and wood stove, open kitchen, 2 first-floor bedrooms, master suite upstairs with large loft, and partially finished basement with view out windows. $279,900. **Call Matt Dejanovich, 476-7100.**

U-M CAMPUS – Perfect student rental within close walking distance to the Athletic Campus and Central Campus. Six-bedroom single family home perfect for a group of students to share. This home has a great rental history and represents a great opportunity to own income property. $249,900. **Call Matt Dejanovich, 476-7100.**

GRASS LAKE – This 4-bedroom, 3½-bath former builder's model home in Sandhill Estates is loaded with quality upgrades. Great design featuring two-story foyer, open great room, large kitchen with island, first-floor master suite with sitting area, and three-car garage. $249,900. **Call Matt Dejanovich, 476-7100.**

ANN ARBOR DUPLEX – Great west side duplex walking distance to Allmendinger Park, U of M Stadium, and downtown. The property is currently owner occupied. One bedroom apartment pays $600/mo. Classic raised ranch plan with lots of original character, large backyard, and 2-car attached garage. $247,900. **Call Matt Dejanovich, 476-7100.**

ANN ARBOR – This is not your typical Ann Arbor ranch. Backing to Pioneer woods, this home has been completely remodeled and expanded. Perfect for a single person or a couple, this home features a huge master suite overlooking the woods with upgraded bath, the backyard is all deck with sitting areas and complete privacy, finished basement, and more. $239,900. **Call Matt Dejanovich, 476-7100.**

NEW LISTING – SALINE – Perfect 3-bedroom, 3-bath unit in Wildwood Commons shows like a model and backs to pond and woods. Great setting with a wonderful view of nature and wildlife. The interior is gorgeous and features a great room with vaulted ceiling, open kitchen with stainless appliances, luxury master suite, and finished walkout basement. $219,900. **Call Matt Dejanovich, 476-7100.**

NEW LISTING – MEADOW GROVE - Great 4-bedroom, 3 ½-bath condo on the best setting in neighborhood. Enjoy private views of trees and nature, deep within the community from this sharp end-unit condo. The interior is bathed in natural light and features a two-story great room, den, nice master suite, and finished walkout basement. $219,900. **Call Matt Dejanovich, 476-7100.**

NEW LISTING – WARNER CREEK- This 3-bedroom, 2 ½-bath home in one of Saline's most desired neighborhoods is one of the best buys on the market today. Sharp home features living room and family room both with fireplaces, kitchen with eat-in area, formal dining room, nice master suite, and good sized kids bedrooms. $189,900. **Call Matt Dejanovich, 476-7100.**

SALINE- Rare find. Country ranch on a peaceful acre lot on the north side of Saline, just minutes to I-94. Solid brick ranch in need of some cosmetic updates. Great starter home includes large backyard, 2 car garage, living room, den, and full basement. $159,900. **Call Matt Dejanovich, 476-7100.**

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SALINE – Very special 5-bedroom, 5 ½-bath custom-built home on a peaceful acre lot in York Township. This home has every feature and amenity you've been hoping for including all brick exterior, extensive landscaping, gourmet kitchen, paneled den, luxury first-floor master suite, nanny suite, and finished lower level with bar, rec room, and study. Wow! $799,900. **Call Matt Dejanovich, 476-7100.**

ANN ARBOR – This gracious 5-bedroom, 4-bath custom-built colonial rests on a peaceful 2.2 acre setting just minutes from town. Incredible features include two-story foyer and family room, custom kitchen with granite counter tops, oversized master suite with dream closet, and finished basement. You will love it! $699,900. **Call Matt Dejanovich, 476-7100.**

NORTHFIELD TOWNSHIP – Incredible country estate just minutes to freeways and downtown Ann Arbor. 26 acres of the most beautiful, private land you will find PLUS a gorgeous custom-built home and horse facility. Home features great architectural flair, numerous upgrades, and move-in condition. Granite kitchen, real fieldstone fireplace, and soaring ceilings. $629,900. **Call Matt Dejanovich, 476-7100.**

NEW LISTING – KING SCHOOL AREA – This 4-bedroom, 3 ½-bath 1800s farmhouse rests on a gorgeous acre lot, just minutes to UM and hospitals. The setting is gorgeous featuring expansive lawn, mature gardens, fruit trees, and playhouse. The interior has undergone substantial renovation yet maintains its original charm. Additions with kitchen, family room, and master bedroom add a modern feel. $619,900. **Call Matt Dejanovich, 476-7100.**

NEW LISTING – SALINE – Custom-built 4-bedroom, 4-bath colonial in The Arboretum. This home has all the upgrades and amenities you've been hoping for. Wonderful lot features extensive landscaping, great privacy, brick paver patio, and screened porch. The interior is gorgeous including two-story great room with hardwood floor, oversized cherry kitchen with granite counters, luxury master suite with sitting area and fireplace, and finished lower level. $474,900. **Call Matt Dejanovich, 476-7100**

STRAWBERRY LAKE – This 5-bedroom, 3½-bath home rests on one of the finest lake front settings you will find anywhere. Enjoy gorgeous bluff top views from the large deck and year-round sun room of one of the area's best all-sports lakes. Home features substantial updates including cherry kitchen with Corian counters, all new baths with granite, fresh paint, and finished walkout basement. $469,900. **Call Matt Dejanovich, 476-7100.**

JACKSON – incredible 4-bedroom, 4-bath custom-built home in the Sanctuary at Brills Lake, one of Jackson's most desired subs. This 2004 Parade of Homes entry is loaded with custom features and amenities including 2-story family room with wall of windows, kitchen with cherry cabinets and granite counters, den, luxury master suite, and gorgeous wooded lot. $469,900. **Call Matt Dejanovich, 476-7100.**

PINCKNEY – Gorgeous 4-bedroom, 3-bath custom-built home with 90 ft. of frontage on Highland Lake. This home is just paradise with panoramic views of lake and 11,000 acres of state owned land. The interior is loaded featuring oversized great room, maple kitchen with granite, and dream master suite. $449,900. **Call Matt Dejanovich, 476-7100.**

BARTON HILLS AREA – New construction just minutes from downtown Ann Arbor and U of M. This 5-bedroom, 3½-bath home on a peaceful 1.5 acre parcel features wonderful oversized rooms, ample hardwood floors, custom kitchen with professional grade appliances, luxury master suite. $399,900. **Call Matt Dejanovich, 476-7100.**

NEW LISTING – YORK PLACE – This 4-bedroom, 2 ½-bath custom-built home on a quiet cul-de-sac lot is loaded with custom features and amenities. Extensive landscaping, paver sidewalk, and oversized deck with built-in hot tub highlight the exterior. Interior is perfect including cherry kitchen with granite counters and stainless steel appliances, two-story great room, and luxury master suite with vaulted ceiling. $369,900. **Call Matt Dejanovich, 476-7100.**

CHELSEA – Spectacular 3-bedroom, 3 ½-bath custom-built ranch on a peaceful 2.2 acre setting, just north of town. Great quality home loaded with upgrades and amenities. Features include great room with vaulted ceiling, large kitchen, parlor, luxury master suite with sitting room, and finished basement with rec room, study, and bath. 2 ½-car attached garage plus 3-car detached garage. Perfect for hobbies. $359,900. **Call Matt Dejanovich, 476-7100.**

LAUREL GARDENS – Highly desired 2-bedroom, 2 ½-bath condo in NE Ann Arbor's most desired condo complex. Great location and setting deep within the neighborhood backing to trees and natural area. Interior features formal living and dining, flex use den/tv room, and master suite with two walk-ins and luxury bath. $319,900. **Call Matt Dejanovich, 476-7100.**

MANCHESTER – This custom-built 3-bedroom, 2-bath ranch on almost 11 pastoral acres is close to perfect. Custom-built by Don Gaddes, this home was built with extreme attention to energy efficiency and indoor air quality. Wonderful home with large great room, maple kitchen, nice master suite, and mostly finished basement with view out windows. $275,900. **Call Matt Dejanovich, 476-7100.**

WILDWOOD – This perfectly maintained and upgraded 4-bedroom, 2 ½-bath colonial in one of Saline's most desired subs has all the features you've been hoping for. Gorgeous lot backing to woods includes extensive landscaping, large deck, and patio. The interior is perfect featuring open kitchen with granite, large family room, nice master suite, and finished walkout basement. $269,900. **Call Matt Dejanovich, 476-7100.**

SALINE – This custom-built 3-bedroom, 3-bath home rests on one of the most beautiful settings you will find anywhere. Incredible backyard view with fully developed pond including large deck, extensive patios, and gorgeous landscaping. The interior is sharp including great room with vaulted ceiling and two-story fireplace, spacious kitchen with Corian counters, first-floor master suite, and finished walkout basement. $269,900 **Call Matt Dejanovich, 476-7100.**

ANN ARBOR – Hard to find 2-bedroom, 2-bath handyman special on a wooded 1.5 acre lot on Huron River Dr. Great opportunity for fix up, major addition, or tear down of this ranch style home on Ann Arbor's west side. Great location just minutes to downtown and U of M. $249,900. **Call Matt Dejanovich, 476-7100.**

DEXTER – Very sharp 2-bedroom, 2-bath condo in one of the area's sharpest looking complexes. These units were built with great flair inside and out. Features include raised ceilings throughout, great room with fireplace, convenient den, spacious kitchen, nice master suite, and walkout basement. $229,900. **Call Matt Dejanovich, 476-7100.**

YPSILANTI TOWNSHIP – Your own country oasis awaits you at this move-in condition 3-bedroom, 2½-bath home. Enjoy the gorgeous park-like setting just minutes from everything. This home is perfect and features living room with vaulted ceiling, family room with fireplace, and nice master suite. Gorgeous!! $229,900. **Call Matt Dejanovich, 476-7100.**

FORD LAKE FRONTAGE - Enjoy panoramic bluff top views of Ford Lake from this remodeled and expanded 3-bedroom colonial. Lake front living at its finest with multiple decks and patios and a gorgeous all-sports lake. Home features added family room with vaulted ceiling and hardwood floor, central kitchen, spacious master bedroom, and finished basement. $229,900. **Call Matt Dejanovich, 476-7100.**

TRAVIS POINTE – Great 2-bedroom, 2-bath condo backing to the woods in Ann Arbor's best country club neighborhood. Enjoy being a short walk to all that Travis Pointe has to offer. Golf, tennis, swim, and more. Enjoy this peaceful setting from the large deck or screened porch. Interior features living room with fireplace, spacious kitchen with granite counter tops, and spacious master suite. $229,900. **Call Matt Dejanovich, 476-7100.**

NEW LISTING - OLD WEST SIDE – Walk to downtown Ann Arbor and UM stadium from this 2-bedroom, 1-bath ranch. Great lot featuring oversized, 2-tiered backyard. This nicely updated and maintained home features hardwood floors, good sized rooms, and loads of charm. $159,900. **Call Matt Dejanovich, 476-7100.**

YPSILANTI – Great 4-bedroom, 1 ½-bath ranch in College Heights. This is a wonderful home inside and out. Very pretty, fenced backyard with extensive landscaping and patio. Interior has been completely redone and features large living room, open kitchen, spacious dining room, fresh paint, new flooring, and finished basement. $149,900. **Call Matt Dejanovich, 476-7100.**

NE ANN ARBOR – Rare find!! Three-bedroom, 1-bath brick ranch, in need of some cosmetic updating, on a peaceful 1 ¼ acre lot just minutes from town. Great setting on a very quiet country road. Home has solid bones with a large living room, kitchen with eating area, and three good sized bedrooms. $139,900. **Call Matt Dejanovich, 476-7100.**

SALINE – Great 2-bedroom, 1 ½-bath condo in perfect move-in condition. This unit has a great set of features and amenities. The highlights include cherry kitchen, spacious living room, spacious master suite with walk-in closet, and full basement. $125,900. **Call Matt Dejanovich, 476-7100.**

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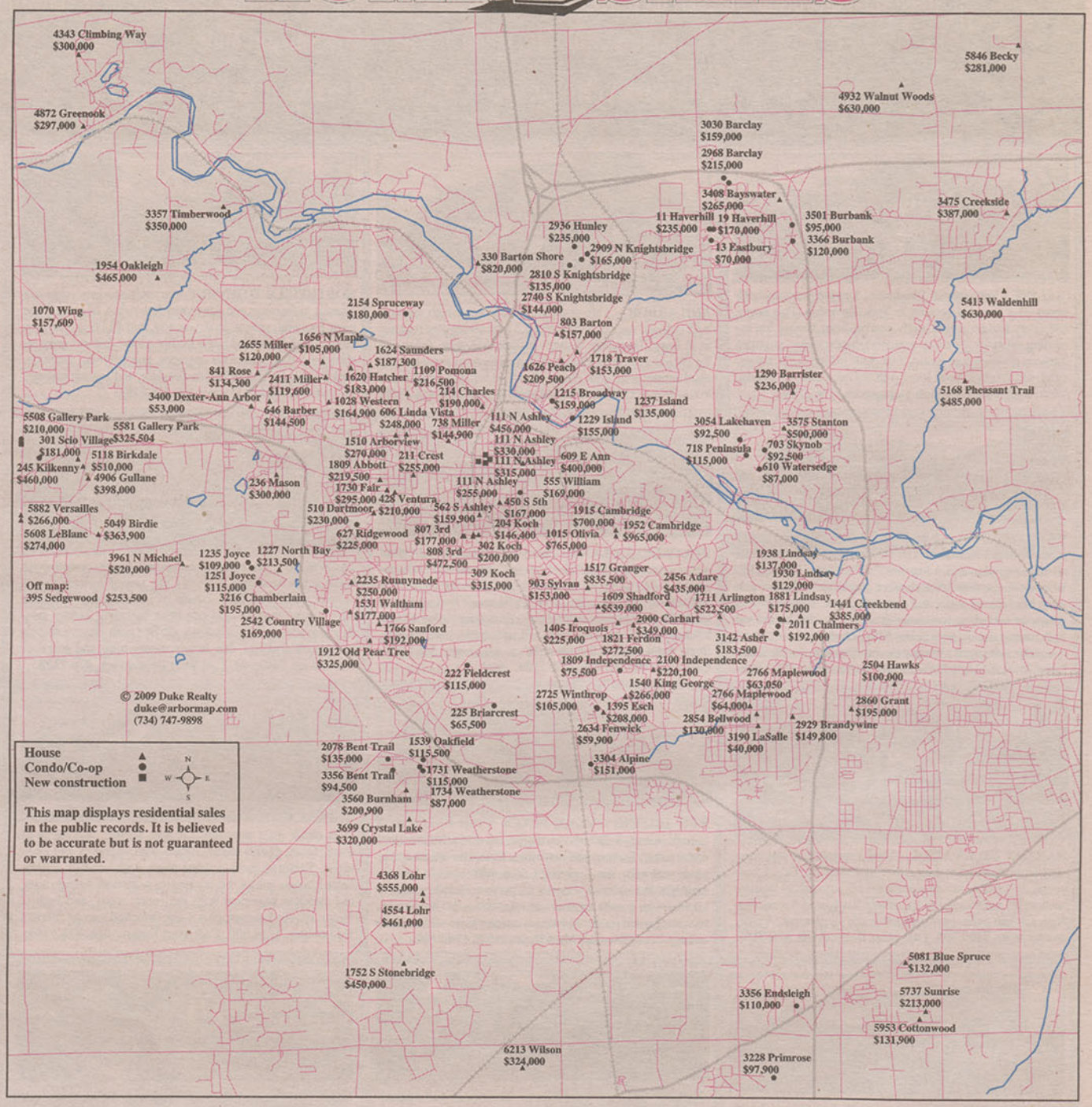

The median price of single-family homes sold in the Ann Arbor school district fell 6 percent in the last twelve months, from $256,000 to $240,000, according to our analysis of Realtors' reports to the Multiple Listing Service between June 2008 and May 2009. However, the median selling price per square foot, which factors in the year-to-year variation in the sizes of homes that are sold, sustained a much more modest 2 percent drop.

We've included both gauges in the table at right. It is organized by elementary school neighborhoods, which are ranked according to how their median selling price per square foot changed in the last twelve months.

The Angell neighborhood topped the chart with the biggest gain in median price per square foot, a hefty 14 percent increase. Angell also posted the largest unadjusted price increase, 16 percent, and by far the city's the highest median price, $618,000.

Rank #	Ann Arbor Elementary School	2008-09 Median Price	Price Change vs 2007-08	Median Price per sq. ft.	Change per sq. ft. vs 2007-08
1	Angell	$618,000	16%	$224	14%
2	Wines	$299,000	0%	$164	6%
3	Lawton	$274,000	1%	$127	4%
4	Northside	$185,000	-2%	$136	2%
5	Bach	$223,000	-11%	$188	1%
6	Logan	$300,000	10%	$122	0%
7	Haisley	$253,000	-3%	$148	0%
8	King	$330,000	2%	$139	-1%
9	Lakewood	$243,000	-7%	$121	-2%
10	Thurston	$270,000	9%	$123	-5%
11	Mitchell	$149,000	-12%	$103	-6%
12	Pittsfield	$165,000	-9%	$105	-7%
13	Allen	$194,000	-10%	$106	-8%
14	Bryant-Pat	$268,000	-13%	$123	-8%
15	Burns Park	$379,000	-18%	$193	-8%
16	Dicken	$220,000	-8%	$133	-9%
17	Carpenter	$182,000	-6%	$94	-11%
18	Eberwhite	$221,000	-18%	$160	-12%
19	Abbot	$182,000	-19%	$119	-20%
All	Ann Arbor	$240,000	-6%	$135	-2%

On the flip side, Abbot suffered the worst percentage drop in the median selling price per square foot. There was little difference in the size of the homes that sold this year in Abbot compared to last, so the 20 percent drop in the price per foot nearly matched the 19 percent drop in the median selling price.

What neighborhood is most affordable? Mitchell turned in the lowest median price, just $149,000. But adjusted per square foot of floor space, its $103 median was slightly more expensive than the nearby Carpenter neighborhood. Though Carpenter's median selling price was higher, at $182,000, its price per square foot came in at an unbeatable $94.

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Waterways Beautiful 4 bedroom, 2.5 bath VT home. First floor master, updates throughout, finished viewout lower level, bonus room and a great view. $479,000. Snow Liao 734-678-4848, 734-669-5814. #2905241

Centennial Park Sun-kissed Pottery Barn VT palette. 2-story great room. Large gourmet kitchen. Solarium with pond views. Walkout, 3+ car garage. $599,000. Maria E. Wade 734-845-6122, 734-669-5964. #2902475

Dexter 3 bedroom, 3 bath custom log home VT on all-sports Baseline Lake. 2 story great room with stone fireplace, large kitchen, walkout lower level. $795,000. Brent Flewelling 734-646-4263, 734-669-5828. #2901483

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Northeast Ann Arbor Exceptional 4 VT bedroom, 5.5 bath home on 4 acre pond. Chef's kitchen, solarium, in-law suite, finished walkout and more! $1,900,000. Nicki Noel 734-544-5919, 734-669-5835. #2900949

Brooklyn Beautiful Wamplers lakefront! VT Brick 3 bedroom, 2 bath home with paver brick patios, wrap-around deck, walkout with 9 ft. ceilings. 3-car garage. $499,000. Michael St. Clare 734-709-1209, 734-669-4550. #2806695

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Marketplace Changes

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Two Hydroponic Stores Open

African violets, rock wool, and more

Early in June two indoor gardening supply stores opened within days of each other.

Joe Collins, who owns a similar business in Toledo, swears his decision to open **Hot Hydro** has nothing to do with Michigan's legalizing medical marijuana. Collins has been an enthusiastic hydroponic gardener for over a decade. African violets and vegetables are his specialty—but, he says, "people grow orchids, bonsai. Root crops are a little harder, but I'm going to try to do some potatoes and carrots here." He's already growing lettuce, tomatoes, and herbs.

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(Left) Hot Hydro's Joe Collins with son Joe Jr. and daughter Desirae. (Below) James Humphrey turned Geechi Blue into Gro Blue.

Hydroponic gardens are closed ecosystems where plants are grown under artificial light without soil. Collins sells all the components, including lights, timers, and growing media. The classic medium—lightweight clay pellets sold under the brand name Hydroton—serves "more to make the plants stand up than anything else," says Collins' son, a robust, outdoorsy-looking eighteen-year-old also named Joe. The plants get their nutrients from water circulating through the medium.

The Collinses don't necessarily recommend organic fertilizers. "In organic gardening, you're feeding the soil, and the soil is feeding the plant," says Collins. "For hydroponics I recommend something nonorganic like General Hydroponics." Nevertheless he carries organic fertilizers like Earth Juice and bat guano (several varieties of it, in fact—Mexican, Jamaican, and Indonesian).

Collins sells separate components for large systems, as well as smaller self-contained units for herbs, like the "as seen on TV" AeroGarden. To start seeds, he sells blocks of "rock wool—they really take rocks, melt them, and spin it like cotton candy." At the moment he doesn't sell seeds but promises he'll be getting some: "mostly heirloom, organic seeds." He also sells hoses, soil, and other outdoor equipment.

Hot Hydro, 5245 Jackson Rd. 761–5040. Mon.–Fri. noon–7 p.m., Sat. 10 a.m.–6 p.m., Sun. noon–5 p.m. www.hothydro.com

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The funky **Geechi Bleu,** in the garage behind the Fleetwood, has changed direction, but its replacement, **Gro Blue Indoor Gardening,** is still in the same family. Geechi's owner, Maurice Archer, is married to artist Gigi Archer, who is pregnant with the couple's third child. The Archers decided they have enough on their plates, so Gigi's brother James Humphrey, a hydroponic gardener, was called in from San Francisco to nudge the store along its new course.

First Humphrey cleaned and painted the space. "It's a whole new color scheme. We thought we'd do something a little more earthy. Well," he amends, looking around thoughtfully at his fresh lime green, purple, and turquoise handiwork, "not exactly earthy. Fruity! That's it!" At thirty-two, Humphrey sports a theatrically retro demeanor: Father-Knows-Best striped cardigan and oversized glasses.

Around the perimeter of the store are pallets of rock wool and Hydroton, shelves of books, and bottles and jugs of fertilizers. One of Humphrey's favorite lines is Advanced Nutrients out of British Columbia, but he also carries the more well-known General Hydroponics.

In the back of the store is a tangle of metal and glass, mostly lights: "We have a really expansive collection of recycled and used equipment. You need 200- to 1,000-watt lighting if you want to get any kind of high yield. Basically, plants eat light, you know."

Gro Blue is keeping—in fact, expanding—Geechi Bleu's T-shirt inventory. Humphrey says in addition to the hip-hop–flavored shirts, he'll be carrying more environmentally friendly and organic-themed clothing. And he's keeping sister Gigi's display case featuring her jewelry line, called "Chocolate Chipmunk," as well as body care products made from hemp.

Gro Blue Indoor Gardening, 207 W. Liberty. 913–2750. Daily 11 a.m.–7 p.m.

Two-wheeled Socializing

At Midwest Bike & Tandem

When Joel Hakken and his wife, Wendy, went bicycling together, she used to complain that he rode too fast. So he figured a tandem bike would solve the problem. The two sets of pedals are synchronized, so both riders have to pedal at the same speed.

That's the theory, anyway. Joel says they'll be riding along on their bicycle built for two, and he'll start to feel tired. "I'll say, 'Are you really working back there?' And she'll say, 'I was about to ask the same about you.'"

Though tandems didn't guarantee domestic bliss, they became a passion for Joel. The rangy fifty-five-year-old, a former professional photographer, launched **Midwest Bike & Tandem** last September inside the Ride Boutique on North Main. When Ride Boutique closed last winter, Hakken found a space in Plymouth Road's Courtyard Shops. He opened there this spring.

The store sells regular bikes but specializes in multi-seat models. According to Hakken, tandem is a generic term for any bike with more than one seat. Technically a three-seater is called a triple, four seats is a quad, five a quint, and six a hex. Quads are the biggest tandems Hakken stocks, but he can special-order bigger ones.

The store carries more than a dozen tandem models, plus a full line of biking gear, including extra-long bike racks to carry tandems on the roof of your car.

Despite their somewhat ungainly appearance, tandems are faster than most single-seaters. "You've got twice the power with two riders, but the wind resistance is the same as it would be for one rider," Hakken says. Going downhill is even faster because of the extra weight of the bike and riders. Hakken says he once rode a quad downhill and hit fifty-seven miles an hour.

While everybody pedals, it's the driver up front who normally steers, shifts gears, and brakes. But not always. Hakken says, "I've outfitted tandems where the wife has an override brake on the rear handlebars. They'll say, 'You're going too fast,' and clamp down on it." It gives a whole new meaning to the phrase "backseat driver."

Tandems don't come cheap. Hakken's entry-level tandem runs around $1,600, and his top-of-the-line quad—a Co-Motion prototype featuring a distinctive, torpedo-shaped frame—is $6,500. Hakken sells a lot of Co-Motion bikes, and now he's designing a bike for the company. His goal is to make a tandem that's under twenty pounds—no easy task.

Co-Motion hopes to build a prototype in time for a huge industry show in Las Vegas this fall. The finished product should sell

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Joel Hakken hefts a "quad"—a bicycle built for four—at Midwest Bike & Tandem's new home in the Courtyard Shops.

for around $16,000 and delight tandem enthusiasts. "Everyone likes a lighter bike," Hakken says—especially since "tandems are notoriously slow climbing hills."

Before the Hakkens bought a tandem, he says, they "didn't realize how much quality time you could get [riding together]. We talk about anything and everything." One customer even told him that buying a tandem after his kids were grown was the best thing he could have done for his marriage. "He told me, 'It's like we're dating again.'"

Tandems, he concludes, are eminently sociable. "It's like a long car drive," he says. "You don't turn on the radio. You just sit there and talk."

Midwest Bike & Tandem, 1691 Plymouth (Courtyard Shops). 213–7744. Tues.–Fri. 11 a.m.–7 p.m., Sat. 11 a.m.–5 p.m., Sun.–Mon. by appointment. www.midwesttandems.com

A Fresh Start on North Main

Pita Bite succeeds Seajoy's

The "Pita Bite coming soon" sign that appeared in the window of 207 North Main shortly after the latest tenant went out of business made a pretty bold claim: "The Best Food in Town." In early June, brothers Frank and Ed Istanbouli gave Ann Arborites a chance to test it when they opened their new Middle Eastern restaurant in the former Seajoy's Kitchen space.

Pita Bite specializes in Lebanese dishes, but Frank says they prepare many of them a little differently than most places. For instance, they cook shish kabob sans skewer.

"When it's on a skewer, you never know if it's a leftover," Frank explains. "Ours is always fresh. We marinate the meat, then slice it into layers and sauté it on a griddle with onions and flavored Lebanese spices." Other Middle Eastern entrees include chicken kabob and beef and chicken *shawarma*. The restaurant rounds out the menu with seafood, steaks, sandwiches, burgers, and salads, with lunch entrees starting at $8 and dinner entrees at $12.

The brothers are natives of Lebanon. Frank, fifty, moved to Chicago in 1984, and Ed, forty-two, joined him two years later. Frank studied to be an engineer, but a year shy of his degree he decided he didn't want to work for anyone and left school. After trying out several different entrepreneurial efforts, including driving a cab, he settled on the restaurant business, opening his first place twelve years ago. Ed, who'd spent the previous six years running a limo service, followed suit with his own restaurant, and soon the brothers co-owned a third.

Frank, who'd started a family in Chicago, was firmly settled there, but Ed, single and restless, moved to Ypsilanti last year to see if he'd like living in a smaller city. He likes it so much that he convinced Frank to relocate and open Pita Bite. Frank's glad he did. "We were looking for a good place to open a business and [a good place] to live at the same time," he says.

Pita Bite, 207 N. Main. 585–5196. Sun.–Thurs. 11 a.m.–10 p.m., Fri.–Sat. 11 a.m.–midnight. www.mypitabite.com

Briefly noted

After six years of trying to run the **Chocolate House of Ann Arbor** while holding down full-time day jobs, Vicky and Rob Ponitz sold the business to their nephew, Alex Molnar, who changed the name to **Carillon Chocolates** in mid-June. Molnar, twenty-five, had worked in the shop two years ago and had a clear idea of its strengths and weaknesses. "I saw a lot of potential in it," he says. "The location's great, and it's a nice old building. But my aunt just couldn't put in enough time. And they priced themselves too low for Main Street."

Molnar is styling Carillon Chocolates as both coffeehouse and chocolate shop. He's even roasting his own beans. Operating the roaster, he says, is a whole lot easier than making chocolate, so he's grateful most of the staff stayed on to help with the candy making. He's offering two different regular coffees, two decafs, and espresso each day, and he's considering moving opening time up an hour to 8 a.m. to catch more of the morning traffic.

He's completely revamped the décor to attract the coffeehouse crowd, with a colorful new paint job, comfortable chairs and tables, a couple of easy chairs, and a couch. He offers free wi-fi as well.

On the chocolate side of the business, Molnar is putting a bigger emphasis on organic and locally made ingredients. Customers looking for gifts can purchase premade boxes of chocolates and truffles or have a custom selection put together on the spot. In addition to handmade chocolates, the café will also offer cakes and cheesecakes from Old World Bakery in Ypsilanti and Stroh's ice cream.

Molnar had begun studying for his MBA at Eastern Michigan when his aunt and uncle offered him the shop. He considers it an opportunity to put what he's learning into practice while still in school. "I'd much rather do the real thing than read about it in the classroom," he says.

Carillon Chocolates, 330 S. Main, 222–0552, Mon.–Thurs., 9 a.m.–10 p.m., Fri. 9 a.m.–midnight, Sun. 11 a.m.–10 p.m. www.carillonchocolates.com

Need a new watch battery? **Everything Battery** gives them away for free every day. Don't know how to install it? They'll do it for a couple of bucks, depending on the watch.

Brothers Tom and Mike DeLaTorre opened the business on Jackson Road at the beginning of June. They sell almost any kind of battery, but specialize in batteries for camcorders and cell phones. In fact, the store carries 100 different kinds of cell phone batteries—and can special order 200 others. Those tiny button batteries are the smallest in the store. The biggest are motor home batteries, and they're monsters. Three feet long by a foot wide by a foot and a half high, and weighing in at 130 pounds, they go for $300.

Tom, forty-six, with his mop of black hair and ebullient personality, looks a little like Chico Marx, only without the comic-opera Italian accent, and he's enthusiastic about batteries. He worked at Batteries Plus on Packard for a year before leaving in 2007 to open his own battery store in Pinckney with Mike, who's now fifty.

The brothers knew they wanted to open a store in Ann Arbor—"it's an underserved market," Tom says. They raised the money by franchising the Pinckney store. Tom, who's big on the battery business and its future, says they hope it will be the first of many franchises. "The average household has thirty devices that take batteries," he says. "Now you can get them all in one place."

The DeLaTorres have boxes of loose batteries they sell for fifty cents each. They also rebuild batteries for devices like cordless tools. While such batteries are typically rechargeable, they eventually wear out. It's often cheaper to rebuild the battery than buy a new one—or a new tool. The brothers even custom-build batteries, like the one they just built to spec for the University of Michigan's Naval Architecture & Marine Engineering Department. It's a special waterproof battery designed to power a floating research buoy.

Everything Battery is a couple of doors down from the children's resale shop Grow With Me. Their hours are roughly the same, too, and Tom jokes about cross-promoting the two businesses. "Who needs batteries more than parents with children?" he asks.

Everything Battery, 25 Jackson Industrial Dr. 585–5457. Mon.–Fri., 9 a.m.–7 p.m., Sat. 9 a.m.–4 p.m., Sun. hours uncertain.

Closings

In late May, a Boston lawyer and his client, in town for a few days of litigating, were standing in front of **Bella Ciao.** "These three restaurants," he said, peering at a piece of paper in his hand. "Any one of the three," indicating the great Liberty Street triumvirate of West End Grill, Bella Ciao, and Pacific Rim. "This is apparently where it's happening."

Now, there's a hole in the middle. Bella Ciao was scheduled to close on June 20 after twenty-two years under Jim Macdonald's ownership. Macdonald, the tall, avuncular, and slightly sardonic Scotsman, stood on the pavement every night greeting customers and often delivering salty opinions about the weather, the economy, politics, child-rearing, or anything else that happened to come up.

The day the news of Bella Ciao's closing broke in the *Ann Arbor News*, people on the street pointed and whispered gravely. One man in his mid-fifties who was married eight years ago in Bella Ciao's upstairs private banquet room actually cried when he heard the news.

But inside, Jim Macdonald was having none of the emotional doomfest, briskly explaining his reasons for shutting down:

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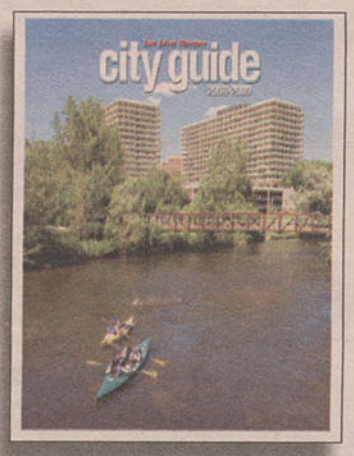

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Marketplace Changes

his youngest was out of college, he wanted to slow down, play more golf, and devote more time to Pastabilities, his pasta factory on the south side of Ann Arbor that he has owned since 2000. He was doing what he usually does at five o'clock, conducting staff dinner, an old-school European restaurant tradition. In a cross between a meeting, in-service training, and prework break, eight waitstaff sat at a round table in the dining room, tucking into a dinner whipped up from kitchen leftovers by line cooks. Macdonald was wearing old Bermudas and scuffed sandals which only marginally detracted from his clipped, authoritative presence. Each waiter had a wine glass. Macdonald poured a bit of red wine from a bottle concealed in a paper bag into each glass for a blind tasting. "Italian or American?" he demanded. Most guessed American. "What grape?" he persisted. "Come on, you should know it from just smelling it." One said Cabernet, but most of them correctly recognized it as an American Pinot Noir.

At 5:10, a woman began vacuuming the dining room, and the staff dispersed to put on their work clothes. Jim went home to feed his dog and change his clothes before work.

Macdonald and his wife, Kathy, have sold the business to Brandon Johns, former chef of Vinology and the Chop House, and his wife, Sara. Their restaurant, the **Grange Kitchen,** will open in August.

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Nowadays, just being an "independent" bookstore is a brand identity, but when Karl Pohrt opened **Shaman Drum** in 1980, there were different kinds of independent bookstores. He staked out the humanities territory, distinguishing himself from the nearby, trade book–focused Borders with his dense selection of books by university and small presses.

To compress a few decades of history into a paragraph: Borders became a publicly traded corporation with 1,000 stores; Shaman Drum expanded and began selling textbooks upstairs. When Internet and on-demand book fulfillment began eroding bricks-and-mortar bookstores, textbooks kept Shaman Drum on life support. The Drum's strength in the humanities, and role as a venue for many literary events, made it beloved by U-M humanities faculty, who often sent their students there for textbooks. But when U-M began requiring faculty to post, well in advance, ISBNs for required textbooks, students could buy even textbooks online, and Shaman Drum called it quits.

"It was more painful waiting for the ax to fall than when it finally fell," says Chris Stier, who has worked at Shaman Drum since 1992. Stier—she's the tiny, wiry woman with a thick white braid and an equally thick Boston accent—says it was a relief when Pohrt finally announced the bookstore's closing in June: "It was inevitable, and it was hard to lie to people." Pohrt planned to close at the end of June.

"Fortunately," says Stier, "the staff qualifies for unemployment. I'm fifty-eight, and [husband] Tom [Fricke] is going to be chair [of the U-M Anthropology Department], so what do I care? And a lot of the employees here are young enough so they have their careers ahead of them. We're all going to be fine," she says firmly. "It's going to be hardest on Karl."

She mentions Bella Ciao's closing—not the first person to feel it as a cultural one-two punch. "But look on the bright side," she says. "Tios pulled through!"

Tree Town Toys lasted six months in Briarwood before a tenant with a lot more clout decided it wanted the location instead. "The mall opted to give the space to a national retailer," says Tricia Masling, who co-owns Tree Town Toys with her husband, Hans. The national retailer is **Vanity**, a clothing store for young women that relocated its Briarwood store to Tree Town Toys' higher-profile corner space near Sears.

The closing won't affect Tree Town Toys' Traver Village location on Plymouth Road, which the couple opened in 2006. The Maslings plan to reopen a second location at some point, but they're in no rush—"we're still looking at options," says Tricia. One of those options is Briarwood, if the right space opens up.

Tree Town Toys, 2611 Plymouth. (877) 929–8697. Mon.–Wed. 10 a.m.–6 p.m., Thurs.–Fri. 10 a.m.–7 p.m., Sat. 10 a.m.–6 p.m., Sun. Noon–5 p.m. www.treetowntoys.com

Primo Coffee House closed at the end of May, and flaming posts on AnnArbor.com speculated that Primo had been pushed out to make room for the web-and-newspaper company, which recently signed a lease for the first and seventh floors of 301 E. Liberty. But real estate agent Jim Chaconas, who brokered the deal, says it isn't so. AnnArbor.com will use the first-floor space for a community center, offering such inducements as free wi-fi and comfortable couches, presumably in exchange for eavesdropping privileges. But AnnArbor.com had nothing to do with Primo Coffee's departure, Chaconas says: "The landlord offered the space. It was one of several AnnArbor.com looked at."

Goitom Berhe, who owns a Primo in Ypsilanti, refused to give a reason why he left, but it was news to him that AnnArbor.com was moving in.

At Kolossos, next door to the former Primo, a production assistant named Joel offered that he had heard another coffeehouse was moving into the Primo space, but Chaconas quelled that rumor too: "While there may be some coffee on the counter, AnnArbor.com will not be retailing coffee."

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zingerman's camp bacon now in session

Special report from the *Times* Travel Desk:

ANN ARBOR, MI—Inside sources confirm Zingerman's is celebrating bacon with a special "camp" of events, foods and activities all month long. This new annual event is known as Camp Bacon, and bacon lovers from near and far are expected to come take part in the full-flavored itinerary which includes:

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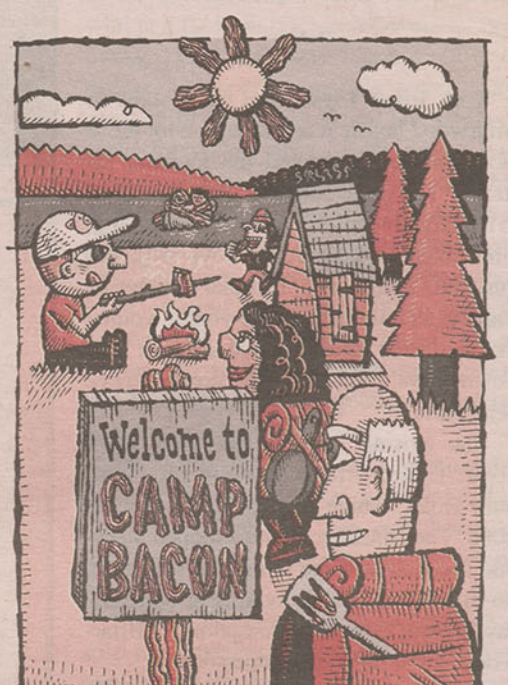

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In addition, Zingerman's co-founder Ari Weinzweig will talk about the process of writing *Zingerman's Guide to Better Bacon* and will sign copies of the book. For more info, visit www.zingermansroadhouse.com.

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Terry B's

An ambitious menu in a laid-back setting

Terry B's is a study in contrasts. Its nineteenth-century Greek Revival house pops out on Dexter's stately Ann Arbor Street in twenty-first century gold and purple. The dining tables are dressed in white cloths, the silver and glassware sparkle—but instead of the hushed tones that all this glitter might imply, the sound level is lively and the flat screens behind the bar are always on. And then there's the tree-shaded deck—a gloriously laid-back setting for Terry B's ambitious menu.

I showed up with friends after a miles-long hike through nearby Hudson Mills Metropark, and the host didn't bat an eye at our jeans and T-shirts as we headed for the outdoor seating. We celebrated under the swishing leaves by sipping a glass of crisp Gruet brut. One bonus for wine drinkers here is that when you order by the glass, the servers pour generously from the bottle at the table, allowing guests to taste the wine before they fill the glass.

Terry B's rolled out a new summer menu on June 3, and I sampled almost the whole list of appetizers over several visits. It helped that, at the bar or on the deck, some starters are half price during happy hour, 4 until 7 p.m. A few of these small plates, shared among several of us, were substantial enough for us to forgo a main course.

We liked the pretty tempura-sushi roll of velvety tuna and flaked crab wrapped in rice and nori, neatly sliced and stacked (chef Doug Hewitt Jr. is really into stacking stuff) and arranged just so on the plate with wasabi and ginger (he's really into arranging, too). A tempura-battered and deep-fried soft-shell crab appetizer special was startlingly good, crispy outside with that rich, sweet crabmeat flavor inside. Soft-shell crab is not in season long, so if it's featured the day you stop in, order it.

The kitchen uses a good cheese, made by Four Corners Creamery in Tecumseh, for its fried mozzarella, served with grilled fennel, greens, avocado, and grape tomatoes drizzled with balsamic vinegar. The steamed mussels missed the boat—the broth, usually the most wonderful aspect of *moules,* was oddly flavorless, although that made it less disappointing that the kitchen forgot the promised crispy baguette for sopping up the juices. I loved the plump patties of ground tenderloin on a dense house-made herb roll set off with tart house-made pickles and served with almost airy gaufrette-style potato crisps.

Far and away the most interesting, rare, and refined starters are those involving meats and fish that Hewitt has smoked or cured. The restaurant has two smokers out back just off the kitchen, and meats are air-cured in the basement.

With its high-quality components needing no further to-do, the "Dexter Plate" is the most simply arranged appetizer—just slices of air-dried chorizo, layered chicken-vegetable terrine, duck "bacon," and prosciutto, each with a simple adornment—a dash of caraway mustard, a wedge of pickled onion, a sliver of baby artichoke heart. The smoked fish plate was similarly simple—and equally fabulous: thin rounds of sea scallops; a flaky dry-smoked salmon; a scoop of fish salad. The smokery meats also show up in two exemplary salads: a salty, crispy duck confit balanced with the sweetness of mango slices and berry fruits over tossed mesclun; and an update on the Waldorf salad with smoked chicken, cashews, cherries, and apples, and a swirl of a pomegranate reduction, topped with grilled bread and a little bunch of mizuna greens.

JOHN COPLEY

I found Terry B's signature corn and seafood chowder overly thick, and three wee shrimp on top seemed to stretch the definition of seafood, but others at the table liked it. A summery asparagus veloute was superbly textured but tasted more like pea soup than asparagus. A flat-bread pizza's delicious toppings were presented on a rock-hard bread platform. Plus, it seemed to take forever to make it.

The summer menu balances beef and seafood main courses, and also includes two new vegetarian mains—mushroom risotto and potato gnocchi—that I did not get a chance to try. One offering that stays on the menu throughout the year is the elegantly interpreted whitefish. The sweet, mild fish filets are coated with a thin crushed-cashew crust, sautéed, and served with a creamy risotto spiked with crisp slivers of asparagus.

The kitchen nearly always offers a seafood special of the day. The centerpiece of my barramundi special, a pan-seared filet, was overcooked and hence on the dry side, but other elements made up for the seafood's shortcomings: the fish was stacked on a giant rice cake, resembling a lush monster aroncini ball with a creamy rice center and crisp breaded exterior and very smoky bits of house-cured bacon. Similarly, two of four scallops were an off-putting sort of pearly gray rather than seared, but the plate was not a total loss, thanks to the accompanying sweet potato hash. Terry B's ribeye steak was satisfying on several levels. It was a quality piece of meat, perfectly cooked, and its accompaniments—truffle French fries, charred broccolini, roasted onions—were interesting without being fussy.

Desserts were very good. Even the ubiquitous molten chocolate cake was a cut above the usual, with a dark, rich chocolate center. I preferred the key lime *pot de crème,* a tart custard contrasting with an accompanying fruity swirl of house-made strawberry gelato. One night we swooned over a pecan tart baked in a shortbread crust and served with the house's coffee gelato. Another night we laughed about the architecture of the "Tropical Tower." You don't need Freud to figure out what they were thinking when they built this: a crisp, tan vertical tube stuffed with cubed citrus fruits, planted upright in a soft circle of crustless cheesecake, and topped with an explosion of whipped cream. Once we stopped laughing, it was a pleasing contrast of textures and flavors.

Service, particularly outside on slow weeknights, can be a bit of a rollercoaster: lots of attention when you don't want it—for instance, a curious waiter hovering over water glasses waiting for the punch

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line on a diner's story—contrasted with long stretches of inattention. Service is always better inside than out and better on busy nights, when there are more servers and they seem more in sync with the restaurant's rhythm.

On those nights, the pace can be nearly perfect, with enough time between courses that the meal feels leisurely but not tedious. It can set the mood for the rest of the evening, especially in summer. After dinner, we always wander through the village, past the fragrant gardens and clipped lawns, on Friday nights maybe catching a few sets at the Monument Park concerts before heading home.

Moonwinks Café

Heart of Dixboro

You've got to hand it to Dixboro. It's managed to hold on to its identity since 1824 despite being denied the trappings of officialdom—city hall, zip code, mayor. Captain Dix's little borough is still a distinct character on the road from Plymouth to Ann Arbor, a place that says, "I've been here a long time and I'm not going to put up with any of your Wal-whatevers and golden arches." The Dixboro General Store, the Button Lady at Gibbons Antiques, the Lord Fox, the nineteenth-century church—they've long lent the hamlet its unique flavor.

But these days, the relative newcomer Moonwinks Café seems to be literally and figuratively the heart of Dixboro. Owners Roberta and Andy Tankanow, mother and son, opened their lively coffee shop in October 2006 in a former saddlery converted into small shops and offices and called Dixboro Shops at the Green. With deep ochre and red walls, upholstered banquettes, well-padded armchairs and well-spaced tables replacing the tack and leather, the café attracts a steady flow of customers.

They probably come for the mood more than the food. But the food's not bad—it includes wholesome lunch and breakfast choices as well as decadent sweets. You order at the counter off a chalkboard menu. An army of mainly teenaged girls rolls up wraps, tosses salads, pulls espressos, and ladles soup.

This is more assembling than cooking—the combining of various goods, many from familiar local sources. The one major exception is the soups, most of which are made on-site. Those I tried could use some tweaking. My butternut squash soup had a velvety texture but was overly sweet. A better choice was the respectable, although somewhat oversalted, chicken noodle. I paired my soup with a crisp salad of greens and water-packed tuna, accompanied by a small cup of mustardy vinaigrette.

Eight varieties of bagels are delivered fresh from Elaine's Bagels in Berkley. Various versions of quiche, including vegetarian and classic ham and cheese, come from Terry Bakery in Ypsilanti. A broccoli and cheese quiche was chockablock

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with vegetables but had very little classic quiche creaminess and almost no crust flavor or texture. A chicken Caesar wrap proved to be a tasty and right-sized lunch of tender white-meat chicken dressed with a lemony mix and bound up in flat bread.

Three of us split a monstrous piece of gooey chocolate–peanut butter cake for dessert. Moonwinks also offers lots of classic soda-fountain creations and drinks like frappes and milkshakes made with Ashby's Sterling ice cream, made in Ludington. Coffee is reliable, since they use Zingerman's roast.

Lunch is produced quickly, making it an ideal spot for people who work in nearby Plymouth Road offices. But I like Moonwinks even more in the morning. I don't know if it's the family connection of the owners, the absence of annoying background music, or the strong community ties—local artists' work is shown in regularly changing displays, with Washtenaw County commissioner Barbara Bergman's photos on view in June—but this is an uncommonly pleasant place to sit and read the paper or work on a laptop.

One June morning, I tanked up on a bacon-and-egg sandwich zipped up with spicy mayonnaise on a toasted everything bagel. I had a cup of Harney & Sons tea, a silk sachet of Earl Grey brewed in a deep ceramic mug. Thus fortified, I went to explore the trails at Matthaei Botanical Gardens, a two-minute drive from Moonwinks.

Visiting the gardens is like looking through a time periscope and seeing the region's Ur landscape that was a magnet to natives and settlers, with gnarled oaks and swift streams still attracting raucous flocks. It's home to innumerable wildlife—on one walk, after being trapped by a aggressive gander at the trailhead, I retreated to the bank of a nearby pond and watched a beaver swimming. Down-home Moonwinks Café fits right into this sweet countryside.

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Quick Bites

Taste Our Goods, a new lunch counter inside Bob Sparrow's butcher and grocery store in Kerrytown, is a collaboration between Sparrow and two recent U-M graduates, Suzanne Lipton and Nora Feldhusen.

Both women had been working in Kerrytown since last August—Feldhusen at Sparrow Market and Lipton at Sweetwaters Café. "We weren't really sure what we were going to do after graduation," Lipton told me, "and then Bob asked if we wanted to start a lunch counter." The two intrepid foodies—Lipton, a Washington, D.C. native, has been baking since high school, and Feldhusen, who grew up in Brooklyn, has worked in "a bunch of restaurants"—jumped at the chance. One week after Lipton earned her bachelor's in art history and Feldhusen took home her degree in organizational studies, they opened up shop in a corner with its own small kitchen, next to the cash registers.

The menu includes about ten sandwiches and five salads, plus some daily specials. Nearly all are $7, and are named, Zingerman's style, after friends and members of the Sparrow's crew. The healthy JJ's Gym Club (named for Josh Johnson, a trainer at Sparrow gym next door) is packed with thinly sliced roasted turkey, sprouts, cucumber slices, a little Jarlsberg, and a thin smear of deli mustard, all sandwiched between slices of Zingerman's whole wheat bread. Lipton says their most popular sandwich so far is the vegetarian Spa Todd with white bean hummus, avocado, and spinach. The Bob Cobb salad I tried was exceptional—chunks of roasted turkey, smoky bits of thickly sliced bacon, avocado, and fresh greens, all tossed with a first-rate olive oil and balsamic vinegar.

In June the two women started offering a cooked breakfast on Wednesday and Saturday mornings—local eggs, pancakes or biscuits, and Bob Sparrow's great bacon or sausage. Lipton, who says she probably would have gone on to culinary school if this opportunity hadn't presented itself, notes the practical side of their setup. "We're in the middle of a grocery store," she laughs. "We can't run out of anything."

Taste Our Goods is open Tuesday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Saturday from 8 a.m. till 3 p.m.

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by Sally Bjork

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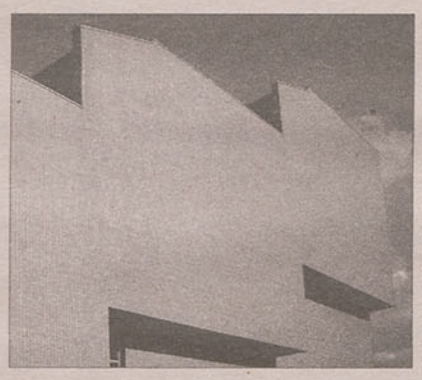
"About the only distinctive feature of the Federal Building on East Liberty is the projected geometry of the brick elevation on Fourth Ave.," writes Alice Ralph, identifying June's I Spy subject. "The USPS has a station in the building where 'they deliver' a full range of services."

Built in 1975, the Federal Building has been dubbed the "ugliest building in Ann Arbor" by one flickr.com poster—a judgment not softened by memories of the 1925 Art Deco Masonic Temple, which was razed to make room for its parking lot. But architectural interest turns to activity where the character of the city remains strongest—in its individuals, thousands of whom have demonstrated in the plaza out front over the years. Though Michigan Peaceworks moved its annual anti-war rally to campus this year to avoid the city's street-closing costs, April's Hash Bash started at the building's steps. In any case, having just been awarded a $2.4 million grant for greening, the building will likely be around for awhile.



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by Jay Forstner

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Walker was one of 152 people who correctly identified June's Fake Ad. Our 153rd entrant, who shall remain nameless, fell for a fake of a different kind—Tim Athan's "Life in Ann Arbor" cartoon. Not an unreasonable mistake, since the cartoon featured a truck promoting the (nonexistent) Ann Arbor Roundabout Construction Company.

Katherine Gottschalk was chosen as our winner. "I actually think you could have something there—but not for the plasma TV," Gottschalk wrote. "No guy would let someone else decide that for them! Thanks for the fun, and thanks for a terrific publication." She's taking her $25 prize to Zingerman's Community of Businesses.

One entrant offered a professional's insight. "Oh, this is too hilarious!" wrote Lynn Liston. "I couldn't resist this one because I AM a personal shopper and while I've been letting some husbands think that they're getting away with it, I don't believe for one minute that the wives are fooled, just grateful!"

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Concert Music:
classical, religious, cabaret

- Ann Arbor Civic Band, every Wed. through July 22
- University Choral Union Summer Sings, July 6, 20, & 27
- First Congregational Church concert series, July 15–17
- Art Fair Song Fest, July 16 & 17
- U-M Carillon Concerts, July 20 & 27
- Blue Lake International Youth Symphony & Choir, July 28

Vernacular Music:
pop, rock, jazz, & traditional

*See **Nightspots**, p. 60, for shows at the Ark, Blind Pig, Firefly, & other clubs*

- Jose Gonzalez (singer-songwriter), July 1
- Dean & Britte (indie pop), July 2
- Gladys Knight (soul), July 3
- Rare Earth (rock 'n' soul), July 23
- Laurel Premo and Charlene Kaye (singer-songwriters), July 25

Theater, Opera, & Dance

- *Wake* (Purple Rose), every Wed.–Sun.
- *A Picasso* (Performance Network), July 2–5 & 9–12
- "Playing Around" (Ann Arbor Civic Theatre) July 10, 11, 17, & 18
- *Return* (Nightfire dance theater), July 11
- *Grease* (Dexter Community Players), July 24–26 & 31
- *Hello, Dolly* (Chelsea Area Players), July 24–26
- *The Receptionist* (Redbud Productions), July 29
- *Rent* (Downriver Actors Guild), July 31

Comedy & Performance Art

- Comic Nick Anthony, July 3
- The Capitol Steps musical parody troupe, July 4
- Comic Dan Levy, July 10 & 11
- Super Happy Funtime Burlesque, July 17
- Comic Bill Bushart, July 24 & 25
- Comic Cristela Alonzo, July 31

Festivals, Fairs, & Shows

- Ann Arbor Summer Festival "Top of the Park," July 1–5
- Chelsea "Sounds and Sights," every Thurs.
- Dexter Summer Concerts, every Fri.
- Ypsilanti Crossroads Festival, every Fri.
- Lodi 175th Jubilee, July 3–5
- Hudson Mills Fireworks, July 3
- Camaro Superfest, July 4 & 5
- Ann Arbor Fourth of July Parade, July 4
- Jaycees Summer Carnival, July 9–12
- "Rolling Sculpture Car Show," July 10
- Elvisfest, July 10 & 11
- Saline Celtic Festival, July 11
- Huron River Day, July 12
- Ann Arbor Art Fairs, July 15–18
- Manchester Chicken Broil, July 16
- AACTMAD/Swing Ann Arbor "Lindy Exchange Weekend," July 17–19
- St. Joseph Church Festival, July 18 & 19
- Westgate Summer Festival, July 18
- Chelsea Summerfest, July 24
- Michigan Brewers Guild Festival, July 24 & 25
- 4–H Youth Show, July 26–31
- Musical Box Society Band Organ Rally, July 31

Lectures, Readings, & Forums

- Romance novelist Stephanie Laurens, July 13
- Mystery writer Harry Dolan, July 28

Miscellaneous

- Bicycle Touring Society "One Helluva Ride," July 11

Family & Kids' Stuff

- Magical Rain Theaterworks, July 26

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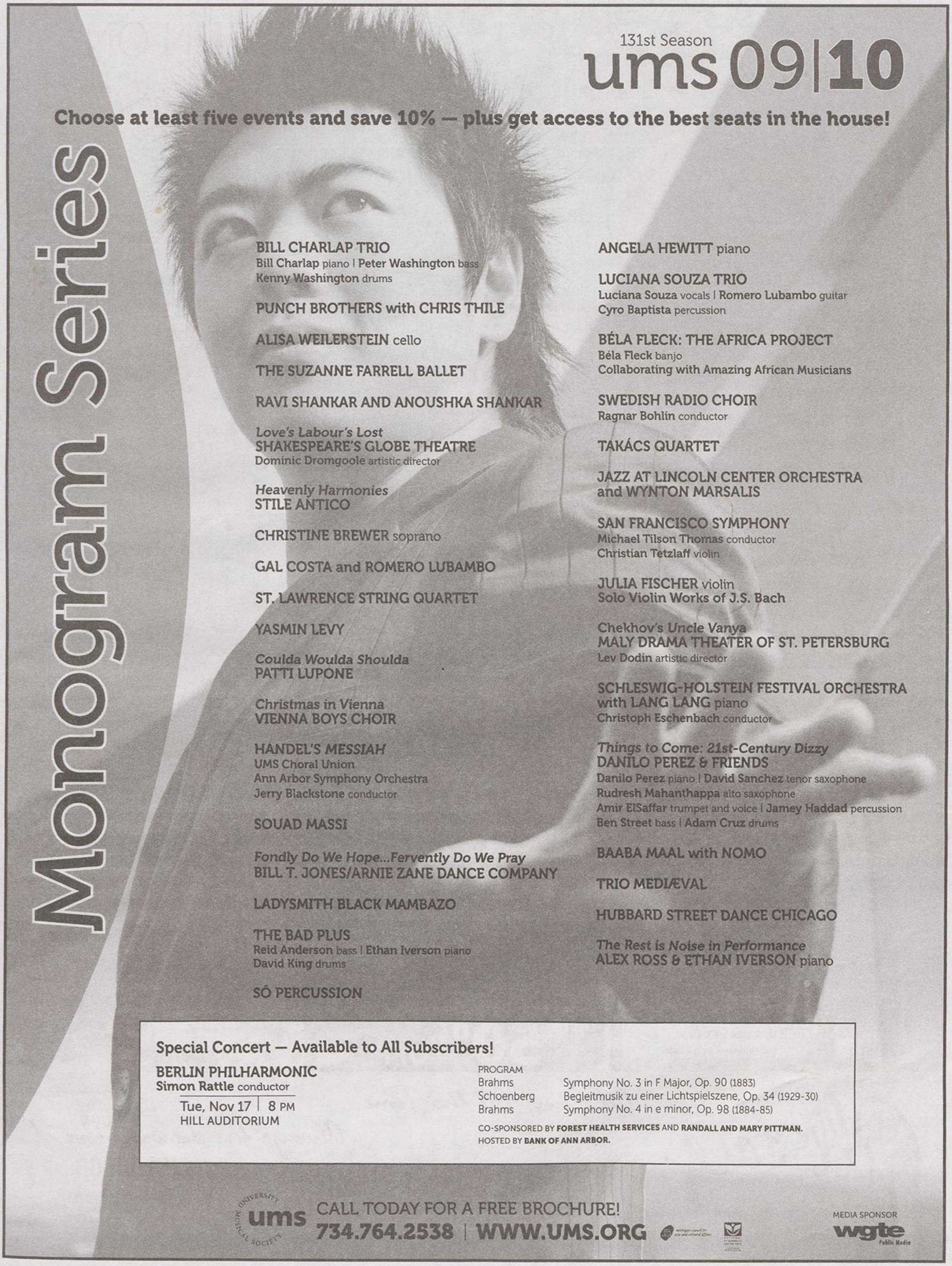
- Townie Street Party with Bill Kirchen & George Bedard, July 13



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